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Mid-American Conference turns 50 with an eye on the future

By Bill Estep

A visit to the Mid-American Conference offices in downtown Toledo can lead to the Hall of the Fame room. Plaques honoring the likes of Bo Schembechler, Ara Parseghian, Jack Lambert, Olympic medalists, and former Ohio University coaching greats Jim Snyder, Bill Hess, Bob Wren and Kermit Blosser cover the walls.

Off to the side, it seems appropriate that a turned-off television sits quietly. Because it's television — or more descriptively TV coverage — that many believe is the key to unlocking the conference's future growth.

As the Mid-American Conference (MAC) prepares to celebrate its 50th anniversary May 19-20 in Toledo, Ohio University Athletic Director Tom Boeh says the league may be nearing the crossroads in its efforts to maintain all-important Division I-A status in football and attract more national attention.

"I'd say we're not at the crossroads right now, but we're approaching the intersection," says Boeh.

Conference Commissioner Jerry Ippoliti likes to talk about how the MAC has a rich history of combining athletics, academics and integrity. He says MAC schools were pioneers in women's athletics, offering scholarships for women before most conferences had even considered the idea. The MAC is one of the nation's oldest conferences, Ohio University is the only original member still with the conference.

But Ippoliti also is quick to admit he thought the conference was suffering from an identity crisis when he joined the league 21 months ago. It's an identity crisis that comes with rarely having your games shown on national TV. It's an identity crisis that comes with not having your football scores read on ESPN's "Sportscenter."

"We're always going to be in the Big Ten's shadows," Ippoliti says. "There's always going to be a Notre Dame and an Ohio State. That's never going to change. You have to understand that."

"But you have to give your alumni an opportunity to see their alma mater on television. What we have to do is get their school out there so they can see what quality of basketball or football program they have, and hopefully they'll come back to that institution and go to the events."

Boeh says, "National exposure is created by television. It's television — you can forget about

everything else. It's an enormous thing for us to beat Miami on a Saturday on ESPN2, to see 11,000 to 12,000 at the game in the Convocation Center and play on a nationally televised game."

Boeh is bothered by the fact that many MAC alumni become Big Ten fans once they graduate and settle in the Midwest, although Ohio University alumni — generally speaking a loyal group — may be an exception.

"What often happens with our alumni in the MAC is that they move to Chicago or Columbus and become Big Ten fans, and that's a problem. We lose contact because all you see is the Big Ten," Boeh says. "We need to make things accessible and we've got to get the word out that we're winning. We need to make the games available so they can be seen on television and heard on radio. It's awfully hard to be a fan of some place when you can't see them play."

Boeh argues that the MAC — with more than 1 million alumni, a strong academic reputation and rich history — should be able to put together a national TV package in basketball to rival that of the Western Athletic Conference (WAC). ESPN television, the national all-sports cable network, and its sister network, ESPN2, combined to telecast 22 WAC men's games live this basketball season as part of a new four-year agreement.

Another 11 WAC football games will be televised on ESPN this fall, along with two games on ABC-TV. The WAC, run by former MAC Commissioner Karl Benson and Assistant Commissioner John McNamara, recently expanded to 16 universities. Average enrollment of the 10 current MAC schools is 20,000, compared with 19,000 in the WAC.

"I'd say our schools, our programs, our campuses as academic institutions, don't look that different from schools in the WAC," Boeh says. "But the WAC has a national television package. The WAC has been aggressive in marketing itself."

Ippoliti says his office is taking a "pro-active" approach in seeking national television opportunities and improving the MAC radio-TV package. "We've had a tendency for years to be a very conservative conference, to sit back, wait and react. And now this conference has to take a proactive philosophy, to be prepared, to be ahead of the game."

The 1994-95 season marked the first time a MAC men's basketball game of the week package was broadcast by a national cable sports network, say league officials; only regional cable networks had aired the games before. Prime Sports Network carried 11 men's games this season, reaching 15 to 24 million viewers each week, according to the MAC office. (Average viewership on ESPN is estimated to be 45 million households, and ESPN2 has a viewership of 25 million.)

Another four men's games were nationally televised on ESPN2, and the traditional Saturday morning MAC Championship game from Toledo March 9 was again carried by ESPN. The National Sports and Entertainment Network, a national cable outfit, televised six women's basketball games, and a new 10-station radio network broadcast a top MAC men's game each week. The league office also produced a six-game football TV package last fall, aired by eight regional cable networks. Ippoliti says the MAC office spent \$100,000 on its football and basketball broadcasts this year, the majority supported by a growing list of corporate sponsors.

The Prime Network format for the MAC men's basketball game of the week has been criticized for showing untimely games that cannot be seen in the Indianapolis, Muncie, Ind. — home of Ball



State — or Athens markets. Another problem is that cable subscribers in some markets have to pay an additional fee to access Prime's 21 cable affiliates across the country.

But Ippoliti calls the MAC's radio-TV pact "a foundation that we can build on. When I came here, there wasn't what I would call any sort of solid foundation. You've got to do a little crawling before you walk, and walk before you

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Photo: Chris Hondros

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sprint." He claims to have been negotiating with ESPN and ESPN2 about airing nonconference football games next year involving MAC teams, but no regular game of the week part appears imminent in either football or basketball.

Ohio University, with its 2-year-old Ohio Sports Network, and Ball State have taken broadcast matters into their own hands by creating their own regional TV networks (see related story on Page 3).

"I think (the MAC office) is making an all-out effort to get as much on TV as possible," says Dick Schorr, the 28-year voice of the Ohio University Bobcats on radio. "I think they're fighting for it, and there was a time I couldn't say that."

Ippoliti left his mark on the MAC by pushing for expanding the league from 10 to 13 schools. Northern Illinois, a former league member from 1973 to 1986, and Marshall, a Division I-AA power in football and another former MAC player, will begin competing in the MAC in the fall of 1997. The University at Buffalo, State University of New York, a highly rated academic institution with a young I-AA football program, is tentatively expected to join the MAC in all sports except football in 1998 and begin competing for the football title in the 1999 season.

In January, the conference announced it was realigning into two divisions in football, men's and women's basketball, baseball, softball and volleyball. Winners of the six-team Western and Eastern divisions will square off in a first-ever MAC football championship game in 1997, the year the divisional lineup begins play. Ohio joins Akron, Kent, Miami, Bowling Green, Marshall and Buffalo in the Eastern Division; the University of Toledo is the lone Ohio school in a Western Division that includes the three Michigan schools — Central, Eastern and Western Michigan — Ball State and Northern Illinois.

League officials hope expansion into two major markets — Chicago and Buffalo — and the substantial market covering Marshall in Huntington and Charleston, W.Va., will increase the MAC's visibility and TV marketability.

"A big problem we have in the conference right now is lack of metropolitan areas," says Ippoliti, a former head football coach and administrator at Northern Illinois and co-convenor of the Mid-Centennial Conference.

And, "When you look at the two areas that are very important to us — money and TV exposure — we think we'll make significant amounts of money on a football playoff and we'll have another opportunity for national exposure (a nationally televised game)," Ippoliti says.

The MAC's appearance in the Las Vegas Bowl — traditionally the first game of the football bowl season in mid-December — has been broadcast nationally by ESPN each year since its inception in 1992. But this year's game — a 40-37 victory by Toledo over the University of Nevada at Reno in the first overtime game played in Division I-A — drew only 11,000 fans, leading Ippoliti to admit that the conference is "exploring other (bowl)

options." Toledo, which took 4,000 fans to Vegas, reportedly lost nearly \$140,000 on the trip.

But the fact that the MAC is still in the bowl alliance and playing at the major-conference Division I-A level is news in itself. The league's biggest victory may have come off the field in January when the NCAA announced a dramatic change in its governance system.

The NCAA replaced its one-institution, one-vote system for its 902 member schools with an executive panel of 16 presidents which will act as the association's chief governing body. The new system is designed to streamline decision making and give greater say to the major conferences.

Eight votes on the committee will represent conferences playing Division I-A football, and the MAC and its Vegas Bowl opponent, the Big West Conference, will share one vote.

Ippoliti says the MAC came close to losing its voting power and being bumped to Division I-AA — and hence second-class — status in football. Upon being hired in July 1994, Ippoliti says, MAC presidents gave him the edict of keeping the MAC at the big-time level in football.

Some believe the major football powers have been satisfied with the NCAA reorganization for the near future, but Boeh thinks the MAC still faces an uphill struggle to remain in Division I-A in football, especially if talk of a college football playoff continues to heat up over the next several years. "We're still in it, we're still a major player because we have a vote combined with the Big West," Boeh says. "But we're not in the position of the Big Ten or WAC or ACC (Atlantic Coast Conference) or even Conference USA, because they have a full vote."

"When you think about the money a football playoff could generate, it would not be unreasonable to suggest it won't be a long time before that becomes a reality in this country. That's when the fight will occur . . . over who will get in the football playoff. That's when the Mid-American Conference will reach the crossroads."

And then there is the issue of MAC football attendance — or lack of. Over the years, the conference has struggled to meet NCAA Division I-A attendance requirements. Last season, the MAC ranked 12th among Division I-A and I-AA conferences and independent schools in average attendance, drawing 14,963 a game. A year ago, the MAC office threatened to fine or possibly place on probation or suspend four schools — including Ohio University — if they didn't meet NCAA Division I-A attendance mandates (see related story on Page 3).

Veteran Toledo Blade sports writer Dave Hackenberg, in his 11th season of covering the MAC, wonders what all the fuss is about. He wonders why the MAC had to expand and why some are so preoccupied with TV time. He wonders what's wrong with the MAC the way it is: Ten large Midwestern universities in three states playing for conference championships in 21 sports each year.

"I come back to the question of what national

recognition do you need or what is it that the MAC wants?" Hackenberg says. "I hate to sound negative, but the MAC has never been like the Big Ten or ACC and never will be in terms of national recognition."

Hackenberg calls the MAC's expansion plans "ludicrous." He believes Northern Illinois, Marshall and Buffalo will add little to the conference. "Northern Illinois was in the conference for a number of years and Chicago didn't care," he says. "And Buffalo is a pro town; it's never been a college market. . . . Northern Illinois dropped out of this league once because it wasn't big enough for them. Now, they come limping back with their tail between their legs. Marshall is Division I-AA (in football), although a good Division I-AA. And Buffalo has an awful I-AA (football) program. It'll take them 10 years to play competitively at the Division I-A level."

"The main criticism I hear is 'why even do it?'"

Both Hackenberg and Boeh play-by-play man Schorr agree that the MAC has improved its national stature in the past few years, thanks primarily to what's happened on the men's basketball court. As examples of progress, they point to NCAA Sweet 16 berths for Ball State and Eastern Michigan; Gary Trent and the Bobcats' 1994 Precasion NIT victory; Miami's victory over the University of Arizona in the first round of the 1995 NCAA Tournament; and the fact that a record four schools advanced to post-season play following the 1994-95 season. Not to be forgotten is Toledo's 11-0-1 finish as the 24th-ranked team in college football last season.

"This conference has proven year after year that it's better than people think it is," Schorr says. "One great thing about this conference is that it's a student-athlete conference in the true sense of the word. The schools are not farm teams for professional sports. The spirit of the kids is to go out and have fun, and not worry about making a million dollars in pro sports. Athletes in the MAC are students. There's a lot to be said for that."

Hackenberg also thinks there is a lot to be said for the fact that MAC schools are operating with much smaller athletic budgets than those in the Big Ten or other major conferences. Ohio University's total athletic budget this fiscal year is \$6.5 million in 17 varsity sports, compared to \$30.5 million in 32 sports at Ohio State. The football budget alone at Ohio State is \$4.5 million.

But there's a group of faculty on the Athens campus who think spending \$5.5 million is too much. Professor of Chemistry Paul Sullivan was chair of Faculty Senate when the group issued a report in 1991 recommending that Ohio University de-emphasize its football program and that the MAC drop from Division I-A to I-AA in football. The report claimed that the rising costs of athletics were draining operating funds away from academic areas.

"I think it's ludicrous the amount of money we spend on five home football games a year," Sullivan says now. "The question is whether we're ever going to compete for national attention in football. I think we'd be much wiser to downgrade football and put more money into basketball and build a nationally ranked basketball program."

Boeh says those kinds of comments are not unique to Ohio University. He says you'll hear them at every major university in the country.

"There are always going to be the detractors from athletics," Boeh says. "But I think athletic departments across the country are well positioned to provide real benefits for universities while working in concert with the academic missions of the campuses and remaining fiscally responsible."

Bill Estep is editor of Ohio University Today

Boeh's perfect Bobcat world would include a packed Peden Stadium



Photo: Chris Hondros

Bobcat Athletic Director Tom Boeh

Ohio University Athletic Director Tom Boeh looks into his green and white crystal ball and sees a packed Peden Stadium watching a winning football team, achievement of gender equity, improved facilities, an increased emphasis on marketing the Bobcats, and "providing the best student-athlete experience possible."

Of immediate concern for Boeh and his staff is winning football games and putting more fans in Peden. Ohio and three other Mid-American Conference (MAC) schools with poor football attendance — Eastern Michigan, Ball State and Kent — were put on notice by the league office last year that they needed to meet NCAA attendance requirements or face a \$75,000 fine and possible probation or expulsion from the MAC.

Beginning with the 1995 season, Ohio University needed to average 17,000 for home games over a four-year period or enlarge its 20,000-seat stadium to 30,000 and draw 17,000 fans a game for one season. In 1995, OU averaged only 9,143 for five home games.

Boeh, hired to replace Harold McElhane last June, says he is encouraged by the progress second-year Coach Jim Grobe is making in turning around a football program which has won only 17 games in the past decade. University officials were impressed with Grobe's freshman recruiting class signed in February. Several high school seniors turned down offers from more prestigious football schools to sign with the Bobcats, including quarterback and two-time *Cincinnati Enquirer* Player of the Year David Murphy of Cincinnati Colerain and place-kicker Greg Krauss, who kicked a 56-yard field goal at Clearwater (Fla.) High School and passed on Florida State.

The Bobcats open the 1996 season with a Thursday night home game on Aug. 29 against Akron in the first game under the lights at Peden Stadium. Boeh wants to build on a 316 percent increase in season ticket sales last year — from 600 to 2,500 — and dramatically increase corporate support of football games, broadcasting and marketing.

Boeh says he also wants to improve the entertainment package at football games and "create more of a festive atmosphere, encouraging people to come with their families and tailgate, have lunch, and enjoy a traditional college football atmosphere."

"It's hard to imagine worse luck with the weather than we had last fall. It rained every single game," Boeh says. "But that's not an excuse. The reality is, we need to increase our season ticket base and create more of an event at the games, so that fans may have an enjoyable experience regardless of the weather or the final score."

"And we need to expand our market base a little bit more so that it really encompasses all of Southeast Ohio as well as other areas of the state. We're going to be considerably more aggressive (in marketing) in those towns an hour away, like

Chillicothe and Lancaster. We're looking to create an entertainment alternative."

Boeh credits the Ohio Sports Network for expanding word of the Bobcat fortunes in the region. The network, created in the fall of 1994 by the University Relations Division, has broadcast a total of seven football and men's basketball games on a regional television network that has included stations in Columbus, Cincinnati, Cleveland, and Huntington and Charleston, W. Va. The OSN radio network numbered 13 stations for men's basketball games this season. Boeh expects the network's radio and TV coverage to increase next year. Ball State is the only other MAC school with its own regional TV network.

OU's Office of Media Productions, in cooperation with the athletic department, also regularly feeds footage of basketball and football games to Ohio and West Virginia TV stations via satellite.

"The television broadcasts provide a three-hour commercial for Ohio University and our athletic programs," Boeh says. "(Director of Marketing and Broadcasting) Alan Bailey has done a terrific job. It's really an exceptional network, given its age and resources."

Boeh says he has been an advocate of Title IX and achieving gender equity during his entire career, which has included stops at the University of Illinois as director of marketing and sports information for women's sports, and most recently at Northwestern University. As part of OU's effort to reach gender equity, locker room and playing facilities and three women's teams will be added over the next three years. A women's golf team will debut next fall, followed by women's soccer in 1997-98 and a third team in a sport yet to be decided.

Boeh says a major reorganization of Intercollegiate Athletics — one designed to "empower staff members and create more built-in accountability" — will be implemented in May. Longtime administrator Peggy Pruitt will become senior associate athletic director of internal operations with oversight responsibility for the coaching, training and equipment staffs, and academic guidance area. First-year Associate Director of External Affairs Tim Van Alstine will supervise all publicity, marketing, broadcast and ticket operations.

As part of its new image, Ohio's athletic department was expected to unveil a new Bobcat logo early this spring.

Boeh says a five-year plan focusing on all aspects of athletic operations should be complete by summer. He believes enhancing and adding to Ohio's practice and playing facilities will be vital to the Bobcats' success. Ground is expected to be broken this summer on a new baseball stadium financed by \$1 million in private funding, and plans also call for adding a new weightroom and venues for women's field hockey, softball and soccer.

"We need to take a hard look at our facilities and bring them up to speed with the rest of the conference and other schools in NCAA Division I-A," Boeh says. — *Bill Estep*

Club hockey squad wins another national title

Ohio University finished the winter sports season in unfamiliar fashion this year — without a Mid-American Conference (MAC) championship.

The Bobcat women's swimming and diving team had its seven-year conference title streak snapped Feb. 17, and the wrestling squad saw its three-year reign in the MAC come to an end March 10.

But it was business as usual for the Ohio club hockey team, which won its second consecutive national title March 2. In front of a standing-room-only crowd of 1,400 at Bird Arena in Athens, the Bobcats skated past Iowa State 5-1 in the championship game of the American Collegiate Hockey Association. Bobcat Derek Partlo was named the tournament's most valuable player with five goals and eight assists in Ohio's four tourney victories. OU finished the 1995-96 season with a 29-2 overall record.

Ohio's conference winning streak in women's swimming came to an end as arch-rival Miami defeated the host Bobcats by 98 points in the six-team MAC meet. Under first-year Coach Greg Werner, the Bobcats grabbed six MAC individual titles, more than any other school, and were led by junior Lisa MacNicol and freshman Line Nyman. MacNicol won the 100-yard butterfly and swam on two victorious relay teams, while Nyman swept both the 100 and 200 breaststroke events. Both qualified for the NCAA Championships in late March. Senior Lisa Schuette broke the MAC record in the 200 freestyle, winning in 1:50.19.

The Ohio men's swimming team took fourth place at its MAC championships Feb. 24, as host Eastern Michigan won its 17th consecutive team title. Bobcat Anders Lindgren, a senior from Alvsbyn, Sweden, took home his third consecutive 100 butterfly title.

The Bobcat wrestling team finished third in the five-school MAC Tournament at Central Michigan, 41 points behind champion Eastern Michigan. Mike Auerbach (177 pounds) and Mike Benson (190) won individual championships for the Bobcats. Ohio finished 5-8-1 in dual meets in Harry Houska's 28th season as coach.

The season came to an abrupt halt for the Ohio men's basketball team March 5 at the Convocation Center after an 86-80 loss to Ball State in the quarterfinals of the MAC Tournament. The loss ended an up-and-down campaign for the Bobcats that saw them finish 16-14 overall and tied for fourth place in the MAC regular-season race with Ball State at 11-7. Eastern Michigan grabbed the MAC's only spot in the NCAA Tournament with a 75-55 win over Toledo in the tournament championship game.

The Ohio women's basketball team dropped its MAC tourney semifinal game to regular-season champion Kent, 88-57, March 7 in Toledo. Coach Marsha Real's squad won its MAC quarterfinal match in a thrilling 82-77 overtime game against Bowling Green at the Convo March 5. The Bobcat women, MAC regular-season champions and NCAA Tournament participants in 1994-95, finished 16-12 overall and tied Bowling Green for fourth place in the regular season.

— *Brian Ayres, BSI '98*

across the college green

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OU officials and Malaysian educators visiting the Athens campus in mid-January tour the Sing Tao House on South Court Street, which will house the new Center for International Journalism. The building, on the site of the former Sigma Nu fraternity house, is expected to be completed this spring.

Photo: Chris Hondros

Communication College launches master's program in Malaysia

The College of Communication will launch a master's degree program in mass communication this summer at the MARA Institute of Technology (ITM) outside Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Ohio University will be the first American university to offer a graduate degree program in communication at ITM, which has a strong undergraduate communication program in place.

Between 20 and 30 students are expected to enroll in the first class, and the course work is expected to take two years to complete. Ohio University faculty, primarily from the schools of Telecommunications and Journalism, will travel to Malaysia each quarter to teach in and administer the program. ITM will cover all expenses for the program.

"ITM invited this," College of Communication Dean Paul Nelson said. "Malaysia is heavily into broadcasting and mass communication, but it doesn't have a lot of the resources needed to teach a graduate degree program, and we do."

Ohio University has had an institutional relationship with MARA since 1968.

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Holzer's commissioned art work will be part of Gordy Hall project

A commissioned work of art by internationally acclaimed visual artist Jenny Holzer, BFA '72, HON '95, will be a public art showcase on the Athens campus when it is incorporated into renovations of Gordy Hall scheduled for completion by summer 1998.

The Holzer piece has been commissioned as Ohio University's first project under the State's Percent For Art program administered by the Ohio Arts Council. Through the program, 1 percent of funding for public buildings that cost \$4 million or more in state money is set aside for the acquisition, commissioning and installation of public art.

Holzer's work, composed of dramatic presentations of text written by the artist on electronic display boards, bronze plaques, benches, tables and sarcophagi, has earned her worldwide recognition. In 1990, she won the Best National Pavilion prize with a solo exhibition at the 44th Venice Biennale in Italy, the largest and most prestigious modern art exhibition in the world.

The pieces for Gordy Hall will involve one indoor light-emitting diode (LED) display — the electronic signs on which texts flow in streams of color, the likes of which have been seen throughout the Guggenheim Museum in New York during Holzer's exhibition there in 1989. Dark green benches engraved with Holzer text will be installed inside and outside the building. Some of the text will be written in a variety of languages.

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Total Athens campus crime in six FBI reporting categories decreased 35.3 percent in 1995

Total reported crime on Ohio University's Athens campus in six FBI categories decreased 35.3 percent in calendar year 1995, according to figures released by the Department of Campus Safety.

The number of crimes in areas which campuses are required by the federal Campus Crime Act to make public decreased from 34 in 1994 to 22 in 1995. Categories include rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, motor vehicle theft and murder.

Reported crime increased only in motor vehicle thefts — from one arrest in 1994 to two in 1995 — and decreased in five other categories.

The most dramatic decline came with aggravated assaults, which decreased 46.2 percent, from 13 to 7 in 1995. The number of burglaries dropped from 18 in 1994 to 13 last year, a 27.8 percent decline, and there were no robberies on the Athens campus in 1995 compared with two the previous year. There also were no rapes or murders reported on campus in 1995.

In two other notable categories used to gauge crime, the number of larceny thefts dropped from 348 in 1994 to 295 in 1995 — a 15.2 percent decrease — and incidents of reported vandalism increased 24 percent, from 121 to 150.

Director of Campus Safety Ted Jones said efforts to improve safety measures in 1995 included the increased presence of police officers and security aides along poorly lit areas.

There were no reported crimes in the six FBI reporting categories on the university's five regional campuses in 1995.

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Photo: Hugh Hales-Tooke

Alumna Jenny Holzer

Ohio University Ryan exhibition a hit at National Press Club

Guests view display panels during a February reception at the National Press Club for Ohio University's exhibition, "Journalism & History: The Craft of Cornelius Ryan."



"This is a wonderful exhibit," UPI White House Correspondent Helen Thomas said while viewing an exhibition of Ohio University's Cornelius Ryan Collection in Washington, D.C. "I wish that every American could see it."

The exhibition, "Journalism & History: The Craft of Cornelius Ryan," was on display in the main lobby of the National Press Club for three weeks in February. Thomas was one of about 120 guests — among

them the Dutch ambassador, representatives from the British and German embassies, and numerous alumni, including many working in the Washington news media — who attended the Feb. 8 opening reception hosted in Washington by President Robert Glidden and Vice President for University Relations Adrienne Nab.

This and other Ryan exhibitions are an initiative of the University Relations Division, in coordination with Ohio University Archives and Special Collections in Alden Library, where the collection is housed.

The National Press Club (NPC) is the top intersection in the world for the meeting of major policy makers, news makers and national and international news media.

Former Chair of the NPC Exhibits Committee and World War II veteran Gordon L. Smith wrote in a comments book: "Without a doubt, the Ryan exhibit is the finest of its kind in my 35 years of membership in the National Press Club — as journalism, history and art in their true glory."

Former NBC News reporter and opening reception guest Robert St. John said, "Here in Washington, we know quite a bit about exhibitions and museums, and I am very much impressed by this collection. I think that if anybody is going to do any research about D-

Day or that phase in World War II, they will have to go to Ohio University and work in your collection."

UPI's Thomas said the exhibition "has such tremendous poignancy, and for me, a lot of nostalgia I came to Washington during the middle of World War II. I wish that everyone could see these pictures and remember, and pay tribute to so many who gave so much."

Besides the National Press Club, Ryan exhibitions have been displayed in the Netherlands, the location for Ryan's book *A Bridge Too Far*, and at the Dublin Writers Museum in Ireland, the city in which Ryan was born.

The University Relations Division plans to offer exhibitions at other major cities and museums.

"It is essential that Ohio University exhibit Ryan's work worldwide," said Nab, coordinator of the Ryan exhibitions. "It not only brings ongoing attention to the fine craft of the author, but it acts as a constant reminder that world wars should never happen again."

Nab, a Dutch native, is himself a survivor of Operation Market Garden of 1944, described in *A Bridge Too Far*.



Photo: Chris Hendrix

Theater faculty member Charles Smith's play "Black Star Line" attracted the attention of Pulitzer Prize judges.

Undergraduate commencements set for 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. June 8

Ohio University's two undergraduate commencement ceremonies scheduled as part of a new format will begin at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, June 8 on the Athens campus.

University officials announced in October that the campus would move to two undergraduate ceremonies this year in an effort to reduce overcrowding in the Convocation Center and eliminate problems in managing a ticket distribution system. In past years, undergraduates were each limited to four tickets. No tickets will be required for admittance this year.

According to Gretchen Stephens, commencement coordinator and director of the Office of Public Occasions, the change in format was the "university's attempt to meet the needs of the increasing number of graduates wishing to attend, and to accommodate their parents and families who want to attend."

The advanced degree ceremony for Ph.D., master's and doctor of osteopathic medicine graduates will continue to take place at 10 a.m. on Friday, June 7.

The order and time at which colleges will begin ceremonies June 8 are:

- 10 a.m.: Business, Communication, Fine Arts, Health and Human Services.
- 2 p.m.: Arts and Sciences, Education, Engineering, Honors Tutorial, University College.

Around campus

● Bill R. Jones, AB '63, former assistant and associate registrar, is the new university registrar. Jones, who has a 30-year employment history with OU, has been with the Registrar's Office since 1988.

● Marching Band Director Sylvester Young announced he will step down this summer as director but will continue on the Ohio University music faculty as he finishes a doctorate in music education. Young has been director of the Marching 110 for six years. School of Music Director Roger Stephens said a national search will be conducted to select a new director by July 1.

● Ohio University's Institute for Local Government

Administration and Rural Development is providing research and technical assistance to the Mayors Partnership for Progress, a group of mayors from cities and villages in an 11-county region across Southern Ohio. The mayors group formed to cooperate on regional issues such as economic development and tourism.

● Students on the Athens campus seeking upperclass scholarships from the university were required this winter to complete electronic 1996-97 scholarship applications using their e-mail accounts or the World Wide Web. The new system allowed students to complete and submit their applications at

Ohio University helps plan retiree-student community area

Ohio University will work with the developer of a proposed 850-acre retiree and student housing community on Armitage Road off Route 682 in Athens to create a setting that would be attractive to retired faculty, alumni and local residents.

Agreement on a land purchase option was announced in December. Tentative plans call for the construction of single-family homes and condominiums around an 18-hole championship golf course that would function as Ohio University's official golf course.

Ohio University Project Coordinator Ann Teske and the Highpointe Village Advisory Committee, a local group that has been trying to interest developers in an Athens retirement community for a decade, asked developer Jack Home Inc. of Bradenton, Fla., to propose a master plan. Just Like Home specializes in assisted care residences.

OU is not a party to the land purchase, but the university and the O'Brien Foundation of Athens are supporting the project by paying Teske's salary and supplying funding for market research.

Though details have not been finalized, Teske lists the following benefits to the university:

- Creation of multifamily housing for married students and young adults.
- Creation of many student interaction opportunities, internships and independent study options.
- The golf course would be available to the public, and Ohio University varsity golf teams, intramural users and physical education classes.

Theater professor's play on black leader takes Chicago by storm

A play written by Associate Professor of Theater Charles Smith made a splash in January and February at Chicago's Goodman Theatre, a major Midwest venue. The 40-character, three-hour play, titled "Black Star Line," details the Harlem heyday of Jamaican nationalist Marcus Garvey in the 1920s. Garvey developed a strong following as he sought U.S. support for his effort to establish a black homeland in Africa, but eventually was imprisoned for mail fraud and deported.

Smith, head of Ohio University's Theater Arts and Drama Program, joined the OU faculty in September after teaching for six years at Northwestern University. He is redesigning the program to establish four tracks of study: playwriting, directing, management and dramaturgy, which involves advising directors in early stages of play production.

Smith has written several other plays — among them: "Jelly Belly" and "Free Fall" — that have been produced in Chicago, Off Broadway in New York, in Los Angeles, and in other major American cities. During the month-long run of "Black Star Line," Smith was prominently highlighted in the Chicago papers and trade publications, and at press time the play was being considered for a Pulitzer Prize — the drama committee chair asked for six copies of the play on opening night. Pulitzer Prize winners were to be announced April 9.

Rota appointed director of Center for International Studies

Ohio University Professor of Telecommunications Josep Rota is the new director of the Center for International Studies on the Athens campus. The appointment is part of a reorganization of the university's international studies area reflecting the center's growing importance on campus. Under the new structure, Vice Provost for International Programs Felix Gagliano's duties were divided.

Rota will administer undergraduate and graduate degree programs and student services, and direct activities such as grant proposal development, community outreach and a publication series. Gagliano, vice provost and center director since 1981, will work full-time as a liaison for the Provost's Office in all international outreach activities of the university.

Rota served as a visiting professor at the University of Barcelona in Spain during the fall and winter. He takes over as center director July 1.

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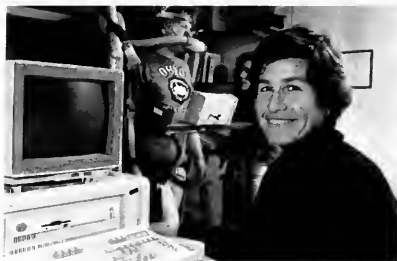
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Associate Professor of Physiology Anne Loucks

File photo

Eckes on PBS 'News Hour' panel, tops *New York Times* op-ed page

Ohio Eminent Research Professor of History Alfred Eckes was among a panel of presidential historians discussing the Republican primary race on PBS' "The News Hour with Jim Lehrer" Feb. 28. Eckes also topped *The New York Times* op-ed page Feb. 27 by asserting that Patrick Buchanan's trade views "are consistent with those of a long line of Republican leaders." Eckes, author of *Opening America's Market: U.S. Foreign Trade Policy Since 1776*, wrote an editorial detailing the history of Republican support for high protective tariffs and how Buchanan's philosophy "best exemplifies Republican thinking on trade issues."

Eckes was quoted in a Page One story in the Feb. 22 issue of the *Wall Street Journal*. Buchanan had referred reporters to Eckes' book during the New Hampshire primary. The *Journal* called Eckes the "former International Trade Commission chairman . . . who started his ITC tenure as a free-trader and left sympathetic to import barriers after touring beleaguered Maine shoe factories."

Associated Press carries story on study of women and exercise

Associate Professor of Physiology Anne Loucks' study of hormonal changes in women who exercise heavily and eat very little was featured in a story that was transmitted on the national wire of The Associated Press. Newspapers nationwide, from the *Miami Herald* to the *Tampa Tribune* to *The Oregonian* in Portland, carried the story.

With a \$1.1 million grant from the U.S. Army, Loucks aims to help the Army refine nutritional guidelines so that servicewomen can better protect their reproductive and skeletal health while preparing for military activities.

Loucks has researched why women competing in some of the most physically demanding activities suffer from cessation of the menstrual cycle, a condition known as amenorrhea. The condition had previously been attributed to low body fat or the stress of exercise, but Loucks found that low caloric intake was the probable cause.

History Professor Gaddis interviewed by major papers

Distinguished Professor of History John Gaddis is back in the news, attracting interviews with the *Christian Science Monitor* and the *Washington Post*. In a *Christian Science Monitor* story, Gaddis described a decentralization and genocide that has developed from social disorder "Horror can arise because people like Hitler order them to take place, but horrors can also percolate up from below," said Gaddis, a diplomatic historian. "If you look at what's happened in Yugoslavia, it's a democratic form of genocide that's set in motion because people hate each other so much."

Washington Post staff writer John F. Harris interviewed Gaddis for a story about President Clinton's increasing confidence in foreign affairs.

USA Today, Newsweek spotlight student's 'Webaholics' page

The growth in Internet use by the general population has produced an unexpected result — World Wide Web addiction. Enter Rich Barrette, an Ohio University graduate student in computer science, part-time employee of Communication Network Services and creator of "Webaholics," a tongue-in-cheek home page with links to Barrette's favorite Web sites.

The page, accessible from Ohio University's home page (<http://www.ohio.edu>), was featured in the cover story of *USA Today's* Jan. 16 edition, headlined "Are heavy users hooked or just on-line fanatics?"

The Dec. 18 issue of *Newsweek* also mentioned Barrette's "Webaholics" home page in a story and noted that it had attracted more than 200,000 users.



Photo: Chris Hendricks

Assistant Professor of Telecommunications Sandra Sleight-Brennan, BGS '73, produced "America's Women: A Legacy of Change," a four-part documentary series that aired on more than 30 public radio stations across the country from mid-November through March. The series, aired on stations from Minneapolis to Miami to Boston, commemorated the 75th anniversary in November of the first national election in which American women were allowed to vote. The series won an award for best radio documentary series from the Foundation of American Women in Radio and Television.

New York Times crossword not so puzzling for Bobcat fans

Southeastern Ohio puzzlers had a breeze with a clue in the Jan. 10 edition of *The New York Times* crossword puzzle: "Bobcats of college football." The four-letter answer was "Ohio."

Puzzle Editor Will Shortz says he thumbed through a world almanac and discovered Ohio University's mascot was the bobcat, and a new puzzle clue was born.

Local newspapers and the *Columbus Dispatch* ran brief stories on the "Ohio" puzzle. The Associated Press distributed a lighthearted story on the puzzling mention of the Bobcats to newspapers and broadcasters statewide.

Tuning in Trouble continues to attract national coverage

The Public Broadcasting System, the *New York Post* and Voice of America are among the latest national and international media to cover *Tuning in Trouble: Talk TV's Destructive Impact on Mental Health*, by Ohio University Psychologist Jeanne Albronda Heaton and former university administrator Nona Wilson. The book, published in September, claims talk TV can be damaging to the viewer by providing a distorted image of the mental health profession.

Heaton was featured in an hour-long PBS-TV program, "Freedom Speaks," which focuses on First Amendment issues. The program was distributed to PBS subscribers nationwide Jan. 13. A story in the *New York Post* on why Americans go on TV to air their personal problems quoted Heaton extensively, and she also was interviewed in Athens for a program on Voice of America.

Heaton told the *New York Post* that mental-health care professionals on talk TV are "asked to wrap up incredibly complicated situations, and if they say anything less than a sound bite, they're cut off."

A reporter for *American Health* magazine's December issue quoted Heaton, as did radio reporters who interviewed her by telephone from Melbourne and Adelaide, Australia.

Also in the news

Associate Professor of History Steven Merritt Miner, who specializes in contemporary Russian history, wrote an opinion piece for *Newsday* after the Russian elections in December, and was interviewed by Voice of America. He also wrote a column in the *Los Angeles Times* on reelection prospects for Russian President Boris Yeltsin.

Margaret King, professor of early childhood education, offered a few tips on improving toddlers' mathematical skills in *Working Mother*, a monthly magazine with a circulation of 850,000. Among King's tips: recite nursery rhymes such as "one, two, buckle my shoe" and play the game of "This Little Piggy."

Schuyler Cone, assistant professor of human and consumer sciences, was the source for opinion on possible changes in Naval Academy uniforms for women published in the *Washington Post*, the *Detroit News* and *Free Press*, and the *Tampa Tribune*. Cone has studied the history of women's military garb.

A *Philadelpia Inquirer* story on how to teach writing referred to Ohio University. OU has hired Suelyn Duffley as a writing coordinator in an effort to enhance writing instruction offered to undergraduates.

This story was compiled by Dwight Woodward, BA '81, MAIA '89, MS '89. He is national media liaison for University News Services and Periodicals.



Ping Center is working out

Freshman Jamie Shively says she practically lives in the new Ping Student Recreation Center on the Athens campus.

"I'm here all the time," says Shively, of North Canton. She uses the facility to work out on StairMaster machines and then checks her e-mail in a small computer room. "I usually come here to get away from stress."

Shively is among the estimated 3,000 people using the recreation center daily, according to Dick Woolson, center director. Woolson says more than 5,000 people attended the grand-opening celebration on Jan. 20, including President Emeritus Charles J. Ping and his wife, Claire.

Freshman Ryan Kaelin says the new facility's location, along South Green Drive, and large assortment of fitness machines have led him to develop a full-fledged exercise routine.

"It's accessible to the students. It's a five-minute walk from the dorms," says Kaelin, a visual communication major from Cincinnati. He lifts weights at the Ping Center three times a week and uses the track "whenever I have energy left."

Ohio University joined the growing list of schools with state-of-the-art student recreation centers when the \$26 million Ping Center opened in early January. The facility includes an impressive 36-foot, two-sided climbing wall located immedi-

ately inside the front entrance, and a 6,000-square-foot fitness room on the second floor that is outfitted with more than 100 pieces of cardiovascular and strength training equipment.

The air-conditioned building also features seven gymnasiums, eight racquetball courts; an aerobics dance center with a special shock-resistant floor, a four-lane, mezzanine-level track, a free weights room with 50 pieces of equipment, a fitness testing area, a snack vending area, and a student lounge.

Full-time students are paying a \$65 quarterly fee to cover construction and operating costs of the 168,000-square-foot facility. Student Senate unanimously voted in March 1992 to support the Ping Center project with a quarterly fee.

More than 150 students, including a large number from the School of Health and Sport Sciences, work part-time at the Ping Center.

Ping Center memberships are available for faculty and staff and their spouses and children on a quarterly and annual basis. Guests accompanied by members pay \$5 per visit. Ping Center officials will monitor the facility's usage through this spring before deciding whether to allow memberships for community residents and alumni.

The official dedication of the building is scheduled for April 27.



An imposing 36-foot climbing wall greets visitors inside the front entrance to the Ping Center (top photo). At left, junior Amy Falder attempts to conquer the wall, considered unusual because of its high range of difficulty and the fact it's two-sided. At far left, Jeff Brown, graphic resources supervisor in the College of Osteopathic Medicine, and 1-year-old son Nick try out a treadmill on the center's grand opening day Jan. 20. (Photos by Chris Hondros and Rick Fatica)



Research notes

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Department of Defense awards \$2 million grant to nine faculty

The Department of Defense has awarded nine Ohio University faculty members a \$2 million research grant to develop materials used in high-density optical data storage and fiber optic communications.

The five-year Research Initiative Support Program grant to the Condensed Matter and Surface Sciences (CMSS) program allows researchers from several scientific disciplines to work together on a common project requiring a variety of expertise, said Physics Professor Sergio Ulloa, coordinator of the CMSS program.

Researchers from the departments of Chemistry, Physics, Chemical Engineering and Electrical and Computer Engineering will work on developing materials that could have broad technological impact on full-color flat panel TV displays, outdoor advertising, traffic lights and compact discs with more than double the storage space.

"The nitride semiconductors are ceramics suited to high temperature applications such as on-board computers for automobile engines," said Martin Kordesch, associate professor of physics and project director for the grant. The high temperature uses could include emissions control and fuel regulation.

The research will focus on developing ultraviolet emitters and materials for lasers which emit blue light. Grocery store scanners, compact discs and other commercial lasers employ a less efficient red light.

Kordesch put together the team of researchers in response to a call for proposals from the DOD last summer. In addition to Kordesch and Ulloa, the team includes Electrical Engineering Professor Henryk Lozykowski, Chemical Engineering Associate Professor Daniel Gulino, Physics professors Ronald Cappelletti, Gerald Harp, David Ingram and David Drabold, and Associate Professor of Chemistry Hugh Richardson.

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Psychology Professor Don Gordon

Gordon's CD-ROM advises parents of troubled teens

Southeastern Ohio parents whose children have behavioral problems have access to a 2 1/2-hour interactive CD-ROM program that creator Don Gordon says is equivalent to 15 to 30 hours of therapy.

Gordon, a psychology professor, received a \$175,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Justice for the project, titled "Parenting Adolescents Wisely." As of February, social service agencies and juvenile courts in 11 Southeastern Ohio counties were ordering or advising parents of delinquents to view the program.

The program is a series of nine short dramas highlighting a variety of parent-child problems and ways to solve them. Scenario topics include improving grades, completing household chores and arguing.

When the conflict in each drama comes to a head, the action stops and the user is asked to select the proper course of action. Users make a selection and a video presentation corresponding to their choice follows. If the wrong selection is made, a scenario is shown illustrating the unacceptable outcome. The user returns to the original scene of conflict and is asked to make a different choice.

Gordon has received positive feedback on the program from colleagues, and he eventually would like to make the CD commercially available for home use.

"The people we are trying to help are the children, but we have to go through the parents," he said.

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Photo: Chris Hondros

Road to pavement testing leads to Lancaster campus

Construction was expected to begin in April at the Ohio University-Lancaster regional campus on a new \$15 million indoor research facility designed to improve road pavement technology.

The teaching and research laboratory will be used for the study of pavement response to loading and environmental factors, and will be unique in the United States because of its ability to test varying asphalt and concrete road surfaces on top of different road beds.

The facility, a joint project between Ohio University and Ohio State, was funded by an Investment Fund Grant from the Ohio Board of Regents. The lab will give researchers the ability to "construct pavement to the same specifications that would be constructed in a highway area," said Gayle Mitchell, director of the Center for Geotechnical and Environmental Research in the Russ College of Engineering and Technology.

Ohio University has become a national leader in pavement research with the expertise of Professor of Civil Engineering Shad Sargand. Sargand is the principal investigator on a six-university consortium which will conduct a \$13.6 million road testing project along a three-mile stretch of U.S. Route 23 near Delaware this summer.

The project will measure climatic, load- and distress-related changes in the highway during use. Researchers will use the data in an attempt to create more durable roadways that last longer. The project is funded by the Ohio Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration.

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Diagnostic Hybrids to distribute test kit for determining herpes

Diagnostic Hybrids Inc. (DHI) of Athens is coming of age in the international biomedical field, illustrating just one of many successful companies assisted by Ohio University's Innovation Center.

DHI recently announced a strategic alliance with BioWhittaker Inc. of Walkersville, Md., an international leader in cell culture products, providing a sublicense for manufacture and distribution of DHI's patented transgenic cell technology, the Enzyme Linked Virus Inducible System, or ELVIS. The ELVIS test kit is believed to be the fastest method available for determining both positive and negative results for herpes simplex virus (HSV).

DHI received \$1.1 million in the agreement against future royalties from the sale of ELVIS kits and other products under development at DHI in the United States, Canada and Europe.

DHI was created in 1983 as a university Research and Development Limited Partnership, based on technologies created in the labs of Ohio University researchers Joseph Jollick and Thomas Wagner as they sought methods to use DNA-probe assays for the identification of infectious diseases.

DHI is one of several firms with connections to the Innovation Center that have hired students in their respective entrepreneurial efforts. DHI has employed up to 25 students a quarter who come from all areas of the university. Athens Technical Specialists Inc., the National Business Incubation Association, and the Ohio Southeast Enterprise Development Fund are among the organizations that give students a look at the private sector.

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Rollie Merrimom (left) and Lloyd Hogue of the campus staff move equipment into the new Konneker Research Center in preparation for the opening of the \$13.1 million facility at The Ridges. Researchers in the Edison Biotechnology Institute moved into the 52,000-square-foot building in March, along with members of the biomolecular engineering research program and two chemical engineering faculty.

NSF will fund undergraduate summer research experiences

The National Science Foundation has awarded the Ohio University Department of Biological Sciences a three-year, \$150,000 grant under the Research Experiences for Undergraduates Program. The grant will fund 10 undergraduate students for 10 weeks of research and study on the Athens campus during three summer terms beginning this year. Ohio University is providing \$12,500 for the program, which may include up to four OU students.

Scott Hooper and Linda Ross, assistant professors of biological sciences, co-wrote the grant. Students will hear lectures on neuroscience, and work with graduate students and faculty mentors on projects of interest to the students. Students will work in a wide range of areas related to biology and physiology.

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Satellite data transmission experiment termed a success

Researchers successfully transmitted financial data by satellite in a first-of-its-kind experiment on the \$360 million Advanced Communications Technology Satellite (ACTS), teaming Huntington National Bank, NASA and Ohio University, according to university and bank personnel involved in the project.

Launched on the space shuttle Discovery in September 1993, the ACTS satellite was the centerpiece in a 20-week experiment in 1994, testing the feasibility of transmitting financial data between Huntington's Columbus headquarters and its check processing center in Parma, a Cleveland suburb.

The critical financial data is transmitted by terrestrial telephone lines. The success of the experiment indicates the satellite-based transmission system may one day serve as a backup for fiber optic cables in the event of a fire, earthquake or other calamity that prevents use of the terrestrial lines.

"This new kind of satellite permits direct transmission of data between two earth dishes only four feet in diameter," said Hans Kruse, an assistant professor in the McClure School of Communication Systems Management, who served as the project's principal investigator.

Don Flournoy, project manager and Ohio University professor of telecommunications, noted that the new satellite has capabilities that offer practical applications for banking. Flournoy envisions a day when data transmission by satellite could compete with terrestrial transmissions.

"Somewhere down the road, when the technology becomes less expensive and more available, we may go back to them (NASA and Ohio University)," said Michael Whetstone, data communication network support manager for Huntington. "Working with NASA and Ohio University as a team was great."

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Script for success earns film school a spot in the national picture

By Emily Caldwell

It's the day before a film festival competition deadline and an Ohio University student filmmaker needs to prepare his entry, pronto, in the Peterson Sound Studio in Lindley Hall. Something about the transfer to a new format isn't working. There's fuzz on the monitor screen.

"What's wrong? What's wrong?" John Butler, production manager, engineer, instructor, and, by all accounts, king of the sound studio, is muttering as he studies the high-tech equipment. After a few minutes, the transfer is in progress.

"John Butler's the man," MFA candidate Igor Kovacevich says. "He's saved my life about 600 times since 1992. He helps students in his free time."

"There is no free time," Butler retorts.

It's true that with the School of Film Faculty, time is at a premium in a program moving steadily to a higher professional plane and earning more national and international visibility as a result.

The program has been on the upswing for the past decade. "When I arrived in 1984, we were essentially a one-phone, two-camera, one-flashed-editing-bench operation," says school Director David O. Thomas. The donation of the sound studio, major grant support, and the Ohio Eminent Scholar of Film Award helped solidify the program's renown as a small but strong graduate film program with emphasis on independent films as well as an international focus. Entry into the film program is competitive: last year, 160 people applied for 16 slots.

"The quality and diversity of the faculty, and their willingness to go the extra mile, make the difference," Thomas says. The school publishes *Wide Angle*, edited by Associate Professor Ruth Bradley, an expert in experimental cinema, edits the *Asian Cinema Journal* with Professor George Semsel and Assistant Professor Jenny Lau, both well-known Asian cinema experts; hosts an annual film conference each November directed by Lau; and participates in the Athens International Film and Video Festival, directed by Bradley and the Athens Center for Film and Video on campus.

"Considering that the students in the school normally produce about 50 films a year, there's little danger of us dying of boredom around here," says Thomas, who has a background as a screenwriter, director and producer of dramatic work.

The faculty also includes Butler, who has worked for years with National Geographic and WQED public television in Pittsburgh; lecturer Jack Wright, MA '92, a filmmaker with ties to Appalachia; a media arts organization in Kentucky; and Assistant Professor Ed Talavera, who has served as director of photography on three feature films, and is at work on a fourth.

The fall 1993 arrival of Ohio Eminent Scholar Rajko Grlic expanded the school's scope, and has been followed by a wave of developments, including a write-up as a top film school in the national publication *The Independent* and Ohio University's first invitation to screen films at the annual Independent Feature Film Market (IFFM), a national festival in New York.

At least five universities were courting Grlic, an award-winning Croatian director, producer and screenwriter, when the Ohio Eminent Scholar position offered his ideal: the chance to maintain a professional career as a filmmaker and teach at

the same time. The School of Film received a \$500,000 grant from the Ohio Board of Regents, and OU had to match the grant to create a \$1 million endowment for the position.

Grlic is artistic director of the Institute for Motion Picture Development, established in 1994 to enhance film students' professional training. Among the institute's projects are scriptwriting workshops that draw top U.S. and European faculty, development of a low-budget feature project, and creation of an educational CD-ROM on directing the short film.

"My impression is that I was asked to be here to help this school move toward professional filmmaking," Grlic says. "It's tougher and tougher for students to become part of the American film industry. 'Film industry' doesn't mean Hollywood. It's for everyone who wants to survive and make a living being a part of the filmmaking process."



Rajko Grlic (left) and David Thomas

Photos: Chris Hondros

The quality of recent student films led to OU's inclusion as one of eight schools in the country to screen films at the IFFM in the fall. One of the entries earned a student filmmaking prize at the competition. The film, "Drawing Lots," was the product of the first master class Grlic taught here.

Rocco Hindman, BFA '94, was one of the four student writers and directors of "Drawing Lots." Though the film degree path at Ohio University is primarily for graduate students, Hindman was among the few Honors Tutorial College undergraduates accepted as film majors. He now is enrolled in the graduate film program at the University of Southern California.

Hindman says the invitation to the festival "does really show that OU is a place where good films are being made." His experience at USC is a testament to the difference between a film program in Los Angeles and one in Athens. "USC has such a large pool of professionals it can draw from — a lot more resident filmmakers," he says.

Such a large pool simply can't be sustained in Appalachian Ohio. It's one of the mixed blessings of the location — the proximity to theater, music and art students makes for a supportive, collaborative approach to filmmaking. But a sense of the heavy competition to come and exposure to working film professionals are harder to come by. Yet the cast of visiting film artists who have made the trip to the Athens campus in the past two years is impressive. Among them are Oscar-winning "Schindler's List" co-producer Branko Lustig and New York-based feature film producers Lisa Bruce and Bob Nickson.

Providing professional opportunities is all part of giving students a taste of the industry.

"In my classes, I'm trying to behave less as a teacher and more as a coach and producer. I'm trying to give students, in a much softer way, the conditions of the real world," Grlic says.



John Butler helps a student on a project in the Peterson Sound Studio.

School of Film students get another taste of real-life activities at the Athens Center for Film and Video, an arm of the College of Fine Arts where student workers earn film course credits. "There are teaching hospitals. This is a teaching media arts center," says Bradley, who runs the center. Art, telecommunications and film graduate and undergraduate students work at the center to put together the ever-expanding Athens International Film and Video Festival each spring. It's billed as the largest and oldest student-run festival of its kind.

Students also have access to AVID technology, a digital nonlinear editing system, and get their hands on a variety of equipment in the Peterson Sound Studio. The studio, donated in 1985 by former Motion Picture Sound Inc. Owner Tom Peterson of Cleveland, marked a major milestone for the university because of the rare opportunity for students to use such equipment.

"Most universities might have this kind of facility, but it would be staffed by union personnel," explains Butler, who has run the studio since 1987. Peterson most recently donated an AVID digital sound editing system.

Butler's contacts in the film and television industry have benefited a range of students over the years. He gave alumnus Tony Buba, MFA '90, his first roll of film. Buba ran with it, and has been earning awards and receiving prestigious arts grants since the release of his first film in 1972.

Regarded as one of America's best known independent filmmakers, Buba has screened his work — much of which revolves around issues in and near his hometown of Braddock in western Pennsylvania — at festivals and museums around the world. Known for his hybrid style of mixing documentary and fiction, Buba attributes his aesthetic development to the freedom he had in film school.

"There was no emphasis on any particular style when I got there. That gave me the time to figure out what I wanted to do," Buba says.

The focus now, Grlic says, is on the craft of filmmaking. All of the nearly 100 American film schools teach film as art, but only about 10 to 15 of the best also teach film as craft, he says. Grlic would like to see Ohio University among those programs, and says he thinks the school is moving in that direction.

Thomas adds that it takes certain qualities to find success in film, and he sees them in Ohio University students.

"We have some very exceptional students in the program right now who are a pleasure to teach," he says. "They have the talent, the savvy and the drive to make it in this crazy business."

Emily Caldwell, BSJ '88, covers the arts for University News Services and Periodicals

Strategist Steiner is mastermind behind Ohio GOP success

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By Dexter Bailey

For most, setting the standard for two successful gubernatorial campaigns would be the defining work of a political strategist's career. But for Curt Steiner, BSC '88, it was only the beginning.

The 1994 political season validated Steiner as Ohio's top campaign strategist and mastermind behind a Republican landslide that included a sweep of Ohio's statewide offices — secretary of state, attorney general, state auditor and state treasurer — for the first time since the 1960s.

Not to be forgotten is the fact that Steiner and his consulting firm served as the leading campaign consultants for the Ohio Republican Party during the 1993-94 election cycle. And for those who

January 1995 and supervises a young staff he calls "hard working," works for Ohio's first woman speaker of the House, Jo Ann Davidson (Reynoldsburg). Davidson received an honorary doctorate of laws degree from Ohio University in October. Steiner had previously served as communications director and later deputy chief of staff for the majority Republican leadership of the Ohio Senate under Stanley Aronoff and Paul Gilmour.

"It means a lot for me to be able to work for Speaker Davidson, who is a fabulous public official and a fabulous person," Steiner says. "It's hard to want to do something else when you like what you are doing so much."

Steiner knew he wanted to enter politics and

demand. Many expect that his firm, Curt Steiner and Associates, will reopen for business some day soon.

"I think '96 is going to be a very unpredictable year," Steiner predicts. "Anybody who thinks they have a handle on '96 is probably just blowing smoke at this point. . . . With the kind of mixed leadership (Democratic president and Republican Congress) in Washington, it just makes it that much harder for anybody to predict what's going to happen."

Dean Johnson, BSC '81, MA '86, chief of staff of the Democrat Caucus of the Ohio House, admits that Steiner is the hottest strategist in Ohio politics. He calls Steiner a "master communicator."

"I am certainly not pleased with his success," Johnson says. "Curt can play hardball with the best of them, and that's common knowledge. His strength is his ability to persuade. He has done a fine job in crafting a message that plays to the Republicans' traditional support base — i.e. big business."

James Tilling, Steiner's former boss at the Senate and current chief of staff for Ohio Attorney General Betty Montgomery, says Steiner "realizes that he has a number of weapons in his arsenal and knows when to use them. He has been involved in enough races to know when an opponent attacks you . . . an attack that goes unanswered is an attack usually believed. I imagine that those who refer to Curt as a hardball player are the ones who may have lost to him in the past."

Tilling claims that one of Steiner's top assets is his sense of humor. "Sometimes to be successful you must be able to roll with the punches," says Tilling, a former OU political science faculty member. "Curt does a good job alleviating tension during the tough times with a little humor."

Steiner may have faced his toughest political challenge after his marriage proposal to long-time Democrat Jan Allen in 1993. Allen was deputy chief of staff for former Ohio Gov. Richard Celeste. To their credit, Steiner and Allen, after almost three years of marriage, have had zero incidents of breach of confidence. Both agree that Allen's earlier move from politics to lobbying may have helped to keep the marriage a happy one. Allen is now president of the Success Group, a Columbus-based lobbying firm.

Steiner considers himself fortunate to have worked in all branches of state government, where he's learned the ins and outs of state politics.

"It's been a dream to do this," he says. "To be able to visualize what you want to do at a young age and then have the opportunity to get paid to do it is tremendous. I probably feel the same way as some people in major league sports, who say, 'I get paid to do this? To do what I like to do?'"

"I enjoy putting my experience and my contacts to work for the people of this state; that is something that I enjoy very much. Right now, I think Ohio's state government is functioning very well. And I am happy to be a cog in that machine. I think that's where I get my job satisfaction. Campaigns can be extremely rewarding, but public service is a real privilege."

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Dexter Bailey, BSI '92, is an assistant director of alumni relations at Ohio University and former press secretary for the Democrat Caucus in the Ohio House of Representatives



Photo Jack Kustion

Curt Steiner stands tall inside the Ohio Statehouse.

haven't been keeping score, the Republicans also control the Ohio House of Representatives for the first time in 22 years and have maintained a 10-year majority in the Ohio Senate.

"Curt Steiner is the best in the business at what he does," says Ohio Gov. George V. Voinovich, AB '88, HON '89.

Voinovich ought to know. Steiner was the chief media strategist who helped him overcome early deficits to win the race for Ohio's top executive post in 1990, and Steiner was instrumental in Voinovich's winning reelection in 1994 with a record 72 percent of the vote.

Steiner's recent resume also includes managing Mike DeWine's successful race to become Ohio's first Republican U.S. senator in more than 20 years.

"I am at a point where I feel very good about what I have accomplished in this arena and in political terms," says the 39-year-old Steiner. "I have been involved in two winning gubernatorial races, a victorious U.S. Senate race and several other successful races, including statewide offices, the (Ohio) Supreme Court, and campaigns for Congress."

"There is not a whole lot left to do . . . but that doesn't mean that I wouldn't like to try it all again. So, right now, I am at a crossroad."

Although it has been widely speculated that Steiner will help spearhead Voinovich's expected run for the U.S. Senate in 1998, Steiner says he is quite content in his current job as chief of staff of the Ohio House of Representatives' majority caucus. Steiner, who took over the position in

communications at an early age. It was Ohio University's highly touted College of Communication that attracted him to Athens. He did volunteer work at WOUB Radio and TV in Athens even before his first class as a freshman in 1974, and he continued to work for WOUB for four years as a part-time student editor and then for two and a half years as a full-time staffer, advancing to assistant news director.

It was during his time at Ohio University that Steiner made a conscious decision to stick with the Republican Party despite the troubled times of the Watergate scandal and Richard Nixon's resignation as president.

"I suffered some disillusionment at the time, but I stuck with the party," Steiner remembers. "College students were much more serious about politics and much more emotional about their position than they are now."

"Then, you had . . . almost 100 percent Democrats, no matter what college you would have gone to in Ohio. While I attended OU, the OU Republican Club only had about 10 members. At night, you couldn't find a Republican with a flashlight on our campus."

State Sen. Tom VanMeter, whom Steiner first met while working as a reporter for WOUB, offered Steiner his first full-time political job in the Ohio Senate in 1981. Steiner eventually became a communications specialist in the Senate and also worked as Ohio media director for the Reagan/Bush reelection campaign in 1984.

As Ohio and the country point toward this fall's elections, Steiner's expertise is in high



Photo: Courtesy of James Anastas



Photo: Evan Eile

The Court Street shuffle

Changing face of Uptown Athens reflects campus influence

"At one time, you saw a real cross-section of the county on Court Street: farmers, doctors, lawyers — they were all Downtown. Most professional people have left the street now, and most residents tend to shop elsewhere."

— Tad Grover, BSAGR '30

By Emily Caldwell

A giant blue neon tooth hovers in a second-floor window on South Court Street, advertising the presence of the only dentist's office on Athens' main Uptown street.

The upstairs business is reminiscent of the era when Court Street was the heart of a centralized business district serving all of Athens County. Though lawyers are still aplenty in the Uptown area, many other kinds of professional offices and various retail and service outlets have migrated to peripheral streets over the years. In their place are signs, now more than ever, of a small city influenced by the comparatively big university resting at the edge of its downtown business district.

Those tracking Court Street's history tend to agree that the 1960s and '70s marked a big shift in merchants' focus. Bars, never hard to find Uptown, were even more prevalent in the 1970s. "There were a lot of them, and they were always crowded, every night of the week," says Sandra Sleight-Brennan, BGS '73, an assistant professor of telecommunications who experienced Uptown Athens at the height of Ohio University's enrollment and activism, and when the legal drinking age was only 18.

The bar crowds are still there on weekends, in addition to those lining up daily to make copies at Kinko's or to buy a burger at Wendy's. But some of those bars and dozens of service businesses and professional offices have given way to student apartments, specialty shops, bagels, pizza and cappuccino on the Court Street of the mid-1990s.

Though the street has a distinctive Ohio University flavor, some details of Court Street remain a testament to historic Athens. Three-fourths of the length of the street is still lined in brick. And many of the buildings — those that survived the fires that have destroyed banks, hotels and businesses — date back more than a century. The assortment of buildings looks almost like a movie set, with the uneven rooftops creating a bumpy edge across the horizon.

James Anastas, '47, can take in that view of Court Street, framed by nearby hills, anytime he pleases from the patio of his Rock Riffle Road home. It seems particularly appropriate that Anastas has such a view.

"I'm a Court Street person," he says. He owned the old Rainbow Restaurant in the late 1950s, selling homemade candy and dairy products in what is now a Revco drug store, and he's a retired senior vice president of Bank One based at the corner of Court and Washington streets. Until recently, he also was co-owner of the

Nelson Building, home of Debi's Hallmark Shop.

Anastas still frequents the central business area. He goes to the bank and barber Uptown, and buys any clothes he needs at Baron Men's Shop on South Court Street. He also meets a group of friends for coffee every morning in the basement of Burger King, the former site of Katherine Figg's dress shop. The group moved to Burger King upon the closing of Woolworth and its coffee shop in 1993.

Though he is nostalgic about Court Street's past, Anastas doesn't begrudge Ohio University's influence on the Uptown area. A Medal of Merit winner in 1975 and founder of the Green and White Club, Anastas is a major university supporter. His vivid memories are recorded in scrapbooks and bags full of old photos of the Court Street he once knew and loved.

"The magic to me of it was that it was all sole ownership," he says. "You received special treatment. It served the populace. It was the hub — the nucleus. Now it's more like a student service center."

Ironically, long before merchants lined the street to tend to community and, later, student needs, the university played a major role in Uptown's creation. According to Thomas Hoover's *The History of Ohio University*, the first OU Board of Trustees named Court Street in 1806.

An 1875 atlas of the county boasts sketches of stately homes that had been built along Court Street, owned by generals and judges and other early wealthy residents. The First Presbyterian Church at the corner of Court and Washington streets dates back to 1809, but went through two renovations and then was replaced with the current structure in 1902. The First National Bank, now the site of Bank One, opened in 1863.

Recalling his lifetime home, Tad Grover, BSAGR '30, can walk a Court Street shuffle in his mind that's entirely different from the popular current-day shuffle of Uptown bars.

Grover, retired president of Bank One and now a university trustee, can recite just about every Court Street building's history over the past 50 years.

Some of the standouts: the Buckeye Cafeteria, in the left side of the Worstell Building, now home to Buffalo Wings and Rings. "It was a very popular place in its day," Grover says of the Buckeye. The Hotel Berry, opened in 1893, stood grandly on the site of the Secure Parking Lot; in the early 1970s, the hotel was used as an OU residence hall and housed the university's film program. The hotel was demolished in the mid-

1970s. In recent years, that lot has become the site for the senior class' annual Springfest.

Across the street is five on Court, a mini-mall that now houses an enlarged Kinko's, food, clothing and computer stores, and the city's third textbook shop. The building has a history as a department store, first Altman's and then Marting's. The Kinko's at the corner of Union and Court streets has been replaced by Perk's, a gourmet coffee house complete with couches and chess games.

There was a time when four movie theaters peppered the Uptown landscape; now, only the three-screen Athena survives, revived after a fire in the late 1980s. Across the street, the old Varsity Cinema's marquee now reads "Taco Bell." Cornwell Jewelers, dating back to the 1800s, still stands at 10 S. Court St. Another Uptown regular, Carsey's barbershop, long housed next to the Greenery, just recently uprooted and moved across the street.

Drug stores, dress and hat shops, family restaurants, utility company offices, hardware stores, grocers who delivered, furniture stores and even car dealerships were among the businesses along both sides of Court Street at one time.

Grover attributes Court Street's evolution largely to the growth of Ohio University. "As the university grew, the needs and demands of the students changed," he says. "At one time, you saw a real cross-section of the county on Court Street: farmers, doctors, lawyers — they were all Downtown. Most professional people have left the street now, and most residents tend to shop elsewhere."

Sleight-Brennan, who left Athens and returned in 1977, believes Court Street looks more prosperous now than ever, and notes that the 1980s "Dresden look" resulting from the burned-out buildings is a thing of the past.

The street continues to serve as the site for the annual Halloween gathering, which has evolved from a mid-1970s street takeover into an event organized by the Athens Clean and Safe Halloween Committee, complete with bands, food buggies and officially blocked-off city streets.

After watching Court Street change for almost 20 years, Sleight-Brennan says it's "not the melting pot it used to be. But that's not to say it doesn't have the same charm. It's just not quite as small a town as it used to be."

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campus memories

New York Times, Washington Post
among papers praising Truman
biography by history professor

The 12 years Ohio University Professor of History **Alonzo Hamby** spent working on his biography of Harry Truman was time well spent, according to fellow historians and critics.

Man of the People, A Life of Harry S. Truman (\$35, Oxford University Press) has attracted praise from book critics nationwide, including those in *The New York Times*, *Washington Post Book World*, *Chicago Sun-Times*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, and *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*. *Man of the People* hit the bookstores in the fall.

Noted historian and author Arthur Schlesinger Jr. called the book "an altogether splendid biography. It combines well-paced narrative and sensitive portraiture with incisive analysis in setting Harry Truman against the troubles and triumphs of a turbulent time."

Michael Beschloss, a Cable News Network commentator and author, offered: "One of the most eminent Truman scholars in the historical profession, at the capstone of his career, has brought us a deeply researched, often surprising scholarly life of the 33rd president, raising questions that will absorb the general reader and animate historians for years to come."

Hamby, a 20th century American political historian and member of Ohio University's Contemporary History Institute faculty, outlines Truman's accidental rise to commander-in-chief, and the motivations behind Truman's Fair Deal domestic programs and anti-Soviet foreign policies. Hamby "fills in the social, economic and psychological forces that shaped" the life of the straight-talking Missouri politician who became known as one of America's greatest presidents, wrote *San Francisco Chronicle* critic Chris Pasilelis.

Included in Hamby's biography is a thorough examination of the most enduring ethical question of the Truman presidency: the dropping of atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945.

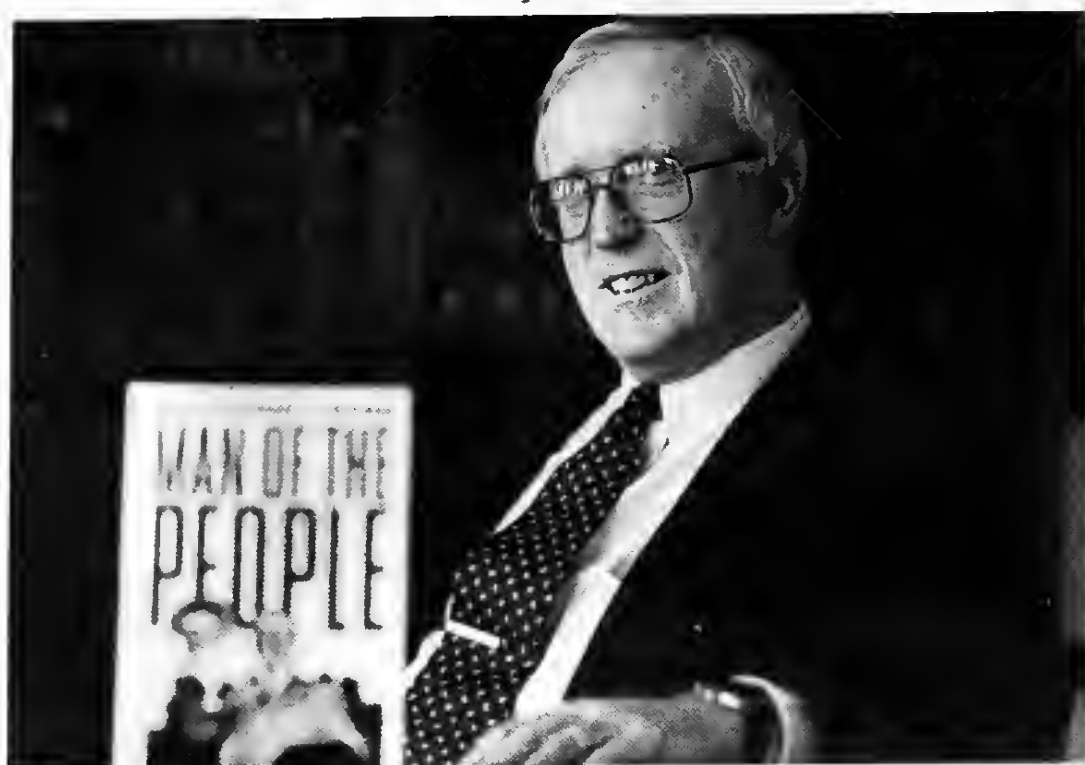
"Some critics have suggested that he should have engaged in a grim calculus, that it would have been the moral thing to accept a 'worst case estimate' of an additional 46,000 American deaths without use of the bomb. No one who might conceivably have been president of the United States in the summer of 1945 would have withheld the bomb while facing that prospect."

When Hamby's book was released in October, it marked the fourth recent book by faculty of the Ohio University Department of History, a relatively small unit of 25 faculty. The others are:

● *Rogers Hornsby, A Biography* (\$27.50, Henry Holt), by Distinguished Professor of History **Charles Alexander**. Columnist Jerry Nardiello of the *Middletown Journal* calls Alexander's book the "definitive biography" on the baseball Hall of Famer and foremost star of the National League in the 1920s. Alexander is considered one of the country's top baseball historians.

● *Opening America's Market: U.S. Foreign Trade Policy Since 1776* (\$34.95, University of North Carolina Press), by **Alfred Eckes**, Ohio eminent research professor in contemporary history. The book reconsiders trade policy issues from Benjamin Franklin to Bill Clinton. Eckes retraces how American officials generously opened the domestic market to imports but tolerated foreign discrimination against American goods in their eagerness to win the Cold War and promote free trade. The result was growing political unrest and economic insecurity in the 1990s.

● *Pleasures & Pastimes in Medieval England* (\$36, Oxbow Press), by Professor of History **Compton Reeves**. This book surveys the art, games, sports, music, pets and anything that provided pleasure and occupied the time of people living in Medieval England.



Professor of History Alonzo Hamby

Photo: Evan Eile

Among other recent books by Ohio University faculty and alumni:

● *Removing College Price Barriers: What Government Has Done and Why It Hasn't Worked* (\$24.95 paperback, \$74.50 hard cover, State University of New York Press), by Associate Professor of Political Science **Michael Mumper**, explores why federal and state government efforts to make a college education affordable have failed. Mumper analyzes trends in college finance and evaluates several plans to reform the college finance system, including the new direct lending program and the national service option to repaying tuition debt.

● *Living Ethics: Developing Values in Mass Communication* (\$27.95, Allyn & Bacon), by Professor of Journalism **Michael Bugeja**, is a journalism text that challenges students to enhance their ethics and value systems. The book, which includes essays by such well-known journalists as Helen Thomas and Dan Rather and contributions from Ohio University faculty and staff, examines topics such as plagiarism, hoaxes and sexual harassment. Bugeja, poetry columnist for *Writer's Digest*, also recently published the following books: *Poet's Guide* (\$12.95, Story Line Press), a poetry textbook; the American edition of *The Visionary* (\$10, Orchises Press), a poetry collection; and *Little Dragons* (Negative Capability Press), a collection of short fiction.

● *Time in Transit* (\$14.95, Literary House Press, Washington College, Chestertown, Md.) is the first collection of poems published by new Ohio University Press Director **David Sanders**. Many of the 24 poems first appeared in the *New Orleans Review*, *Poetry East* and other poetry publications.

● *Booking Pleasure* (cloth \$24.95, paperback \$14.95, Ohio University Press) is a series of essays by Distinguished Professor of English **Jack Matthews**. An avid book collector and well-known author, Matthews describes "booking" as the "covetous foraging for old and rare books."

● *In Barns of the Midwest* (cloth \$50, paperback \$25, Ohio University Press), Professor of Geography **Hubert Wilhelm** and co-author **Allen Noble** contend that barns leave an identifiable mark on the American landscape. They claim that those found in Midwestern America are representative of the agrarian values associated with German and English settlers who built barns in the region.

● *The Consultant's Craft: Improving Organizational Communication* (\$22, St. Martins Press), by School of Interpersonal Communication Director

Sue DeWine, takes a practical approach to solving workplace communication problems by offering tips on improving listening behaviors, making meetings less boring, coping with "difficult people," and managing office friendships and romances.

● *The Grammar of the Machine, Technical Literacy and Early Industrial Expansion in the United States* (\$27.50, Yale University Press), by Professor of Curriculum and Instruction **Edward Stevens**, analyzes the dramatic changes in technologies that took place in pre-Civil War America, and challenges they posed for education.

● *Ohio University in Perspective II: The Annual Convocation Addresses of President Charles J. Ping, 1985-1993* (\$24.95, Ohio University Press) focuses on Ping's second decade of service, and includes two significant documents from the period: "Toward the Third Century: Issues and Choices for Ohio University" and "Enhancing the Core Curriculum."

● *Mass Media in Sub-Saharan Africa* (\$35 hard cover, \$14.95 paperback, Indiana University Press), by alumna **Louise Bourgault**, MA '72, PhD '80, is considered one of the most insightful books on African media. Bourgault, a professor at Northern Michigan University, analyzes how historical, political, economic, social and cultural factors have helped shape content and control over the media in the Sub-Saharan area.

● *Enquiring Minds and Space Aliens: Wandering Through the Mass Media and Popular Culture* (\$14.95, Mayfly Productions) is a collection of reworked columns on contemporary social issues by **Walter Brasch**, PhD '74. Brasch, who has written 10 books, is a syndicated newspaper columnist and professor of journalism at Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania.

● *Design Spirits: Bars, Brewpubs & Techno Clubs* (\$42.50, PBC International Inc.), by **Gail Bellamy**, AB '71, is a full-color design book for restaurant, bar and nightclub architects and owners. Bellamy is senior editor of *Restaurant Hospitality* magazine, a national trade magazine.

● *The Search for the Origin of Birds* (\$21.90, Franklin Watts) is the first book by **Lawrence Witmer**, an assistant professor in the Department of Biological Sciences and College of Osteopathic Medicine. The illustrated book, aimed primarily at young readers between the fourth and seventh grades, won an award from the National Science Teachers Association/Children's Book Council.

Richey finds a musical home in country circles

By Caroline Miller

The next time you're driving down the road and flipping through the radio dial looking for country music, chances are you'll hear Ohio University alumna Kim Richey, BSRS '80.

Richey's self-titled debut album, released last May by Mercury Records, has received wide acclaim. *The Los Angeles Times* called Richey "the female newcomer to watch in 1995." *Billboard* magazine called her "one of Nashville's most distinctive new songwriting voices." And *USA Today* praised the album soon after it was released, writing that it "places her substantial voice and straightforward lyrics in a luxurious groove of big, rich guitar sounds."

Richey's music is country with a twinge of rock — "a slight Southern California country-rock feel," says *USA Today*. She appeals to the die-hard country music lover and the rock enthusiast who occasionally picks up a country album.

Richey grew up in rural Ohio and Dayton. She developed a love of music at an early age, collecting records at the expense of her aunt, who owned a music shop. Janis Joplin's "Me and Bobby McGee" and Lovin' Spoonful's "Do You Believe In Magic" were among her childhood favorites.

Richey learned to play guitar in high school, but never appeared on stage with regularity until she met songwriter Bill Lloyd and started a band while studying at Western Kentucky University. Two years later, the band broke up and Richey headed to Ohio University to finish her degree. Lloyd is among many musical comrades who appear on Richey's debut album.

"Since I was only at OU for two years, I didn't get involved in a lot of campus activities or go to

a lot of sporting events, but living in Athens did influence my music," Richey said.

"Friends introduced me to different types of music and bands."

After graduation, Richey struck around for a year in Athens, working as a drug and alcohol counselor. Then she hit the road for several years, living in Colorado, South America, Boston, Europe and Washington state, and working in restaurants as a cook and bartender.

"I'd check out one place for awhile and then decide it was time to find someplace new," Richey said.

During her nomadic years, Richey kept in touch with Lloyd, who was in Nashville working as a songwriter. "Bill used to send me tapes of artists in Nashville. When I heard Steve Earle's 'Guitar Town,' it knocked me over. I said if this is the kind of stuff they're doing in Nashville, I've gotta be there," Richey said.

Richey arrived in Nashville in the fall of 1988 to try her hand as a singer/songwriter/guitarist. After developing her own style of nontraditional country music — one with a twist of folk and rock — Richey found her way onto the radio as a co-writer for Randy Foster's "Nobody Wins," which eventually became a No. 1 hit on the country charts. She also sang backup on Trisha Yearwood's single "XXX's & OOO's" and teamed up with Mary Chapin Carpenter on backup vocals for Pam Tillis' popular "Everytime You Walk In The Room."

Richey uses her new album to showcase her



Kim Richey, BSRS '80

Photo: Pamela Springsteen

hard-driving voice. She co-wrote each of the 13 songs on the record, songs that tell stories of rejected lovers and about "feeling good enough to love again."

Richey remembers the first time it sunk in that she was headed for success in the music business. "About a year or so ago, I was going to a New York radio station to promote my album. The station arranged to have a limo pick me up and, while I was in the limo, my song (featuring single 'Just My Luck') came on," Richey said.

With success has come more hard work, longer hours and more stress. Richey began a three-month nationwide club tour in February. "This tour, it's so overwhelming," she says. "I've been asked so many times, 'Where do you see yourself in the future?' At this point, I just want to make it to Friday."

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Fischer's efforts to reintroduce wolves to Yellowstone result in landmark achievement



Hank Fischer, BGS '71



Hank Fischer's interest in environmental issues caught fire about the time the Cuyahoga River went up in smoke.

"I had been interested in the outdoors since I was a kid growing up near the Cuyahoga River," says Fischer, BGS '71, a 1967 graduate of Stow High School near Akron. "You couldn't help but be a little interested in the environment when you grew up near one of the most polluted rivers in the country."

Fischer continued a family tradition by attending Ohio University — both his parents and his two brothers and sister also graduated from OU — but it wasn't until he made the long journey from Athens to his new home of Missoula, Mont., in the early 1970s that he began to plant the seeds for a career as a leading wildlife conservationist and environmentalist.

Fischer's book, *Wolf Wars: The Remarkable Inside Story of the Restoration of Wolves to Yellowstone*, chronicles his successful struggle to help reintroduce wolves to Yellowstone National Park. The book, published by Falcon Press last May, has received favorable reviews from more than 40 newspapers and led to Fischer's appearance on NBC-TV's "Nightly News."

Fischer developed his love for writing while

earning a bachelor's degree in general studies. It was while he was earning a master's in environmental studies at the University of Montana that he became intrigued by the wolf issue. In 1977, he was hired as the northern Rockies representative for the wildlife conservation group Defenders of Wildlife, a job he still holds.

The U.S. Army and the U.S. Park Service eradicated wolves from Yellowstone in the late 1800s because the public believed wolves posed a danger to not only livestock, but also to wildlife. Ranchers and powerful livestock industry officials were outspokenly opposed when Fischer and other activists launched the effort to bring the wolves back to Yellowstone in the early 1980s.

Fischer was named to the congressionally appointed Wolf Management Committee. His testimony before Congress, in court and at public hearings played a pivotal role in the fight.

"Yellowstone isn't whole without wolves," Fischer says. "It has the densest population of big game species found anywhere in North America. Without the predators this area evolved with, the system doesn't function on all cylinders. It's like a car without a sparkplug."

The livestock industry, backed by political heavyweights like Wyoming legislators Dick

Cheney and Alan Simpson, "used all of their considerable influence to try and stop wolf restoration," Fischer says.

Fischer, who claims to have been a professional conservationist longer than anyone in the region, launched a massive wolf education campaign aimed at winning over ranchers, citizens and politicians opposed to the idea. "One local newspaper called me the least popular man in Montana," Fischer says.

One of Fischer's most effective strategies was compromising to create the Wolf Compensation Fund to compensate ranchers for all verifiable livestock losses caused by wolves. Since the fund was created in 1987, 23 ranchers have been paid more than \$19,000.

Fischer says it took \$7 million and nearly 20 years to outmaneuver political opposition, but in 1991 14 wolves captured in Alberta, Canada, were released into Yellowstone National Park. In January, 15 more wolves were reintroduced. Fischer said the wolves in Yellowstone have caused few problems.

"Wolves have become the featured species in Yellowstone. People want to see them. And their presence has had a positive economic impact on towns around the park. There's benefit in this for almost everyone," Fischer says.

Today, Fischer is a leader of a new initiative to restore grizzly bears to the large wilderness areas of Western Montana and Central Idaho. As with the wolves, there is stiff resistance to the plan. But Fischer and his allies are better prepared for this battle.

Many believe historians will use the restoration of wolves to Yellowstone as a marking place in the annals of wildlife conservation.

"This reintroduction of the wolves is an important statement about how American attitudes toward predators have changed," Fischer said.

of interest to alumni

From the Alumni Center



Norma VanDervort Kalina toasts Golden Reunion crowd.

File photo



By Rick Harrison

The campus is lonely tonight

The purpose of this column is to focus on unsung heroes — those people who always seem to be there without necessarily receiving the recognition.

When I returned from a trip abroad over the Christmas holidays, I heard that two very special Ohio University alumni had passed away during my absence. In dealing with the sadness I felt, I spent time thinking about the role they had played for many years behind the scenes on behalf of the university and the Alumni Association. I know the legacy they left behind had an influence on many others who continue to give uselessly to this institution day in and day out without being on center stage.

I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Joseph F. Dean, BSED '61, MED '62, and Norma VanDervort Farlow Kalina, BSED '43 — two Bobcats who epitomized the meaning of the phrase "loyalty to alma mater."

Joe Dean made his mark as a student-athlete at OU, serving as co-captain and first-team All-Mid-American Conference linebacker on the unbeaten 1960 national small college championship team. After a few years of coaching at Delancey College and Kent State, he returned to Ohio University in 1965 as an assistant football coach under Bill Hess.

While most of the faces in the Intercollegiate Athletics office changed over the years, Joe Dean, a member of the OU Athletic Hall of Fame, was one of the few constants to endure a number of coaching and staff turnovers.

In 1984, he set aside his coach's hat and became the development officer in charge of athletic fund raising. His touch was evident in the success of the Peden Stadium Tower project, the rebirth of the Varsity O Club, the annual Providing Athletics With Scholarships (PAWS) drive, and the proposed baseball stadium project. He worked tirelessly with the alumni staff in organizing pre- and post-game activities and athletic reunions that brought thousands of Ohio fans out to support the Green and White wherever they played.

Although he was challenged by illness the last few years, he never let it hold him back — fans continued to see his smiling face lighting up athletic events wherever they were held.

Norma VanDervort Kalina breathed life and enthusiasm into every room she entered. She was a familiar sight to thousands of alumni. Most never knew her name, but they always recognized the woman with the white hair wearing the "oldest cheerleader" sweat shirt in Homecoming parades as far back as I can remember.

Norma was a counselor, accomplished vocalist and writer, and worked in many theater, photography modeling and voice-over venues. But most of

all, she was a friend of Ohio University. Although her home was in California, the Oak Hill native returned each year to meet up with alumni from the 1940s known as the "Inn Group" and to teach a new generation of Bobcats cheers from days gone by.

Norma's many years of involvement with the Los Angeles Alumni Chapter included conducting research on where our grads were on the West Coast, helping to set up functions and city tours for visiting dignitaries from the university, and bringing her husband Ron and his keyboard to almost every event so the group could sing "Stand Up and Cheer."

At the 50th Golden Reunion of the Class of 1943 three years ago, Norma again returned to the campus she loved, and with fellow alum Ernie Maniani entertained the group with songs from those war-torn years. LA Chapter President Monroe Slavin, AB '77, said in a recent letter, "Norma was a very special, dynamic, unique and caring person who will be greatly missed. She was the most avid Bobcat I ever did meet!"

The loss of Joe and Norma will be felt by the university and Alumni Association. These two unsung heroes inspired so many to become involved and do their part for Ohio University. They set the standard and left a legacy of loyalty that will continue.

One of Norma's favorite songs from the "war years" at OU was "The Campus is Lonely Tonight," and that title holds true in this instance. I know that at the next athletic team reunion, chapter event or Homecoming weekend, the spirit in which Joe and Norma lived their lives will still be present for current and future generations. The Alumni Association salutes them and other unsung heroes who make Ohio University a very special place.

A scholarship fund has been established in honor of Joe Dean. Contributions to the Joe Dean Scholarship Fund may be sent to the Ohio University Foundation, P.O. Box 869, Athens, Ohio 45701. Make all checks payable to "The Ohio University Foundation."

Rick Harrison, BSI '82, is director of the Office of Alumni Relations.



Joe Dean



Photo: Chris Hondros

Christi Aslaksen, a junior from Avon Lake, hugs niece Ali Stuevner goodbye after the annual Siblings Weekend on the Athens campus Feb. 11. More than 1,000 friends and siblings of OU students attended the event cosponsored by the Alumni Association.

Greater Dayton and Toledo chapters win awards for outstanding efforts

The Greater Dayton Chapter and the Greater Toledo Chapter have been chosen by the National Alumni Board of Directors as winners of the 1995 Outstanding Chapter Award in Division I. Division I includes chapters with more than 1,000 registered alumni in the region. The award recognizes chapters demonstrating initiative, quality and high participation levels.

With more than 3,700 alumni in the region, the Greater Dayton Chapter attracts members from Montgomery, Greene, Clark, Miami, Preble and Darke counties. Last fiscal year, the chapter held eight board meetings and sponsored nine alumni events.

The biggest example of chapter support for campus is the Dayton Area Telefund to raise money for scholarships for Dayton area students. More than \$12,000 was raised this year for the scholarship fund, including a donation to the Alumni Association.

This award marks the fourth time that Dayton has been recognized as an outstanding chapter. Kevin Bressler, BBA '82, MBA '84, is chapter president.

More than 2,300 alumni in Northwestern Ohio benefit from programs sponsored by the Greater Toledo Chapter. Five executive committee meetings and seven programs offered opportunities for plenty of involvement by OU graduates last year.

One campus support program included the annual Siblings Bus Trip to help parents avoid the long drive to Athens for this special weekend for brothers and sisters. The chapter also sponsored a reception for OU fans, including the Pep Band, at the Mid-American Conference Basketball Tournament in Toledo.

Points of pride were the establishment of a regular newsletter edited by Stacia Roth, BSC '82, the beginning of a membership drive, and events that brought out alumni who had never previously attended a chapter activity. With plans for establishing a scholarship and continuing quality programming, this group epitomizes the role that chapters can play in instilling loyalty among alumni. Earl Apgar, BSED '66, MED '67, serves as chapter president.

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**Linda
Ong
Weaver,
AB '84,
MA '86**



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In past years, Junior Alumni College kids have enjoyed tennis, along with other activities such as swimming and nature hikes.

students to the OU-Lancaster campus, and has served on a welcoming committee for international students visiting Lancaster from Athens.

William R. Damschroder, BBA '85, has been an active member and advocate of the College of Business Society of Alumni and Friends for more than three years, including one term as president. His year as president was characterized by enhanced activity, including the initiation of a Society Student Lecture Series. Damschroder has remained active by offering internships and placement assistance services for students from the College of Business. His involvement extends to the local community as well, as he has served as a board member and event coordinator for the Central Ohio Chapter of the Ohio University Alumni Association. Damschroder has served as a chaperon on buses during Siblings Weekend and has coordinated the annual Central Ohio Chapter golf tournament.

Steven P. Yonkers, AB '88, has served on the executive board of the Nation's Capital Chapter for the past five years. During that time, he was elected to the positions of awards chair, vice president and three consecutive terms as president. He initiated the Joseph M. Lichtenberg Memorial Scholarship, which has nearly reached endowment level. Under his leadership, the Nation's Capital Chapter received the Most Outstanding Alumni Chapter Award. He also has worked with OU students interested in the field of criminal justice to obtain internships and job opportunities. Yonkers is one of the university's most ardent supporters in the Washington, D.C., area.

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Weaver named winner of Ping Recent Graduate Award

Linda Ong Weaver, AB '84, MA '86, executive director of Children's Support Rights Inc. in Cleveland, has been awarded the Ping Recent Graduate Award this year. The award, named after President Emeritus Charles J. Ping and his wife, Claire, is presented annually by the Ohio University Alumni Association. The award recognizes those who have graduated in the past 15 years, and have shown active interest in the university and/or how an OU education has been a factor in their career development.

Weaver is recognized in Cleveland as a pioneer in the area of children's support rights and an authority on domestic violence. During the past five years, Weaver has worked as a social worker helping victims of domestic violence. With the nonprofit Children's Support Rights Inc., Weaver works to help families trying to obtain child support payments from delinquent parents. Weaver also teaches sociological concepts as an adjunct faculty member at Lorain County Community College. She is vice president of the Ohio University Women's Club of Greater Cleveland.

From 1988 to 1992, Weaver was active in civil service. She was a counselor for the Edna Brooks Foundation Inc., where she coordinated emergency support of displaced homemakers in Athens, Hocking and Vinton counties; served as associate director of Women Helping Women Inc., where she oversaw a 24-hour crisis intervention service; and worked as a hospital advocacy liaison for the Cleveland Rape Crisis Center.

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Three alumni recognized for distinguished service to chapters, constituent society groups

Three alumni have been named winners of the Alumni Association's 1995 Distinguished Service Awards, recognizing leadership in alumni activities, chapter organization and with constituent society groups.

Rick Bagby, BSED '76, has been involved with the Fairfield County Chapter of the Ohio University Alumni Association for most of the past decade. A board member for six years, Bagby served a three-year term as president and a year as treasurer, and continues to serve as chair of the scholarship committee. He helped create the Ray Wilkes Memorial Golf Tournament in memory of the former OU-Lancaster campus dean; proceeds from the tournament support a scholarship fund that is nearing endowment. Bagby has welcomed new

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They made an initial contribution of \$15,000 to establish the endowment and also made provisions for the endowment in their estate plans. Because the donors made a gift of appreciated stock to establish the scholarship, they are eligible to deduct it from their income taxes. Using appreciated stock is one of the best ways to make a charitable gift. The donor's estate also will be able to deduct the gift from estate taxation. By donating \$15,000 to make this an endowed account, the family members are able to enjoy the fact that the scholarship is being awarded now.

If you would like to contribute funds in support of scholarships or if you have any questions about scholarships or planned giving, please complete the form at right and return to:

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of interest to alumni

Two summer scholarships offered for recent Ohio University grads interested in improving skills

The Alumni Association is offering two summer scholarships for Ohio University graduates who have been away from college for more than three years and are interested in improving their career skills.

The full cost of up to 18 hours of summer course work at the Athens campus or any of the five regional campuses is covered by the scholarship. Financial need is considered.

The deadline for applying for the scholarships is May 3. For applications, write: Summer Scholars, Konneker Alumni Center, P.O. Box 869, Athens, Ohio 45701-0869; call (614) 593-4300; fax 614-593-4310; or e-mail rharrison1@ohiou.edu.

Summer sports camp scholarships available for children of alumni

For the 11th consecutive year, the Alumni Association is offering two scholarships for children of alumni to attend summer sports camps on the Athens campus.

At least one of the applicant's parents must be an Ohio University graduate. Applicants must not have received a varsity athletic letter (ninth grade and above). Children applying must submit their own 100-word essay, along with a letter of application that includes their name, age, address and school, and the parent's name and graduation year.

Deadline for applications is May 3. An Alumni Association committee will select the recipients and notify them by May 10. The camps are for children 8 years old through high school age.

Application forms are available by writing: Summer Camp Scholarships, Ohio University Alumni Association, P.O. Box 869, Athens, Ohio 45701-0869; calling 614-593-4300; or faxing 614-593-4310. For more details on Ohio University's summer camps, call 614-593-1776.

Basketball star Jamerson tops new class of seven inductees into university's Athletics Hall of Fame

Dave Jamerson, the leading scorer in Ohio University basketball history with 2,236 points, heads the 31st class to be inducted into the OU Athletics Hall of Fame. The seven inductees were honored at halftime of the Bobcat-Bowling Green men's basketball game on Feb. 10 in the Convocation Center.

Joining Jamerson, BSJ '90, in the Hall of Fame class were Anne Bolyard, BSPE '88; John Bier, BSCOM '36; Gail (Hudson) Ruffins, BSRS '84; Gus Malavite, BS '76; Glenn Romanek, BFA '34; and Ted Srute, BSED '63.

The 1990 Mid-American Conference (MAC) Player of the Year, Jamerson was the 15th pick in the NBA draft and had his career with the Houston Rockets cut short by a knee injury. Bolyard starred in track and basketball. She was a three-time MAC javelin champion, and her throw of 169 feet, 7 inches was the second-best in conference history. She also

played on the women's basketball team, which won the MAC championship and advanced to the 1986 NCAA Tournament.

Bier, a three-time all-conference selection, was the top pitcher in the MAC in 1954 with a 0.90 ERA and a 9-2 overall record. Ruffins also was a two-sport star, earning regional All-American lacrosse honors and leading OU to the 1982 conference field hockey title.

Malavite was a MAC wrestling champion in 1975 and 1976 at 142 and 150 pounds, respectively, and the MAC Outstanding Wrestler of 1976. Romanek won five events at the 1953 MAC Swimming Championships in leading the Bobcats to the title. He was the only three-event winner at the Central Collegiate Championships.

Stute was a football and baseball standout. He played offensive end and defensive tackle on OU's undefeated national small college football championship team in 1960 and was a two-time All-MAC selection. He also finished with a 14-7 career record as a baseball pitcher.

Alumni Travel Program includes journeys to Europe and England

Two sections of the Rhine River Cruise and Heart of Europe Vacation Package depart May 24 and July 26. The 15-day trip includes a five-day cruise of Rhine River cities, including stops in Amsterdam, Rotterdam, Dusseldorf, Koln, Braubach, Speyer, Strasbourg and Paris. The price of the package includes airfare; 28 meals; seven sight-seeing tours; deluxe motor-coach transportation; first-class transportation from Strasbourg to Paris; hotel accommodations; and a five-day cruise aboard Ms. Austria.

The Alumni Campus Abroad Program, an educational travel program to England, departs Aug. 19. Participants will stay at The Old Swan Hotel in

Harrogate, Britain's floral town, and be treated to an overview of British history, culture and language. The trip also will include information on current British lifestyle, politics and government. Sight-seeing tours will visit several English estates and landmarks, including Harlow Carr Botanical Gardens; Yorkshire Dales; Jorvik Viking Center; and Castle Howard. Participants will visit Whitby, a seaside resort located on the North Sea, and Harewood House, an 18th century mansion, and will ride the North Yorkshire Moor Railway.

For additional information, write: Judith Johnson, Alumni Travel, Konneker Alumni Center, P.O. Box 869, Athens, Ohio, 45701-0869; phone 614-593-4300; or fax 614-593-4310.

Former President Baker's memoirs now available in paperback

The Ohio University Libraries' paperback edition of *John C. Baker: An Oral History*, a special printing of interviews with the former university president, is now available to *Ohio University Today* readers. The book, which was presented in October as the libraries' 2 millionth volume, is comprised of 19 interviews with Baker and highlights an important 17-year period at Ohio University. Baker was Ohio

University's 14th president from 1945 through 1961.

The book is available for \$20 each, plus \$3 for shipping and handling. Make checks payable to the "Friends of the Libraries of Ohio University," and send orders to Friends of the Libraries, Archives and Special Collections, Ohio University Libraries, Athens, Ohio 45701-2978.

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Alumni chapter news

California

The **Greater Los Angeles Chapter** visited the Pasadena Playhouse Dec. 16, where alumnus Eric Howarth '85 hosted the musical comedy "Happy Holidays," celebrating Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and Christmas. Monroe Slavin '77 organized the event. The **San Francisco Chapter** held its annual picnic on Angel Island Oct. 21 at an event organized by R. Scott Durcamin '85.

Florida

More than 40 members and friends of the **Gulf Coast Chapter** attended a happy hour party July 26 at the Bombay Bicycle Club in Clearwater. On Oct. 7, the chapter sponsored a golf tournament for alumni and friends at Landsbrook Golf and Country Club in Palm Harbor. Al Darnell '69 and Bob Ripple '60 organized the event. On Dec. 8, Head Football Coach Jim Grobe and wife Holly visited the chapter for the beginning of his winter swing through Florida. His visit was organized by Bob Ripple '60.

Coach Grobe visited two other chapters as part of his trip to the Sunshine State, and served as guest speaker for all three Florida events. On Dec. 9, he was welcomed by 90 members of the **Suncoast Chapter** for a luncheon coordinated by Leona Hughes '36, and on Dec. 10, he visited the **Fort Myers Chapter** for a special Sunday brunch organized by Paula Sklodowski '79. Vice President for University Relations Adrienne Nab and wife Michaela, Howarth-Nab, development director in the College of Osteopathic Medicine, also made the Florida trip.

Georgia

Twenty-five members of the **African-American Atlanta Chapter** attended a holiday party Dec. 9, an event that included a gift exchange and a collection of canned food. On Jan. 6, the chapter's Board of Directors met.

Illinois

The **Chicago Chapter** welcomed President Robert Glidden and wife Rene at a reception Sept. 14 at the Chicago Athletic Club. The event was organized by Kim Vandergift '89 and Kim Bosko-Geiger '87.

New York/New Jersey/Connecticut

The **NY/NJ/CT Chapter** gathered for the New Jersey Nets-Portland game on Nov. 7 in one of the first NBA games for ex-Bobcat basketball standout Gary Trent. The event was coordinated by Mark Winter and Mike Prasad '87. In November, area alumni enjoyed an informal get-together before a performance by the Aegean Theater Company, made up primarily of OU fine arts graduates. Bud Kraus '75 coordinated the event.

The chapter gathered at Brew's Restaurant in New York City for its holiday party Dec. 1. The party was organized by Joanne Utlev '79.

North Carolina

Bobcats and Ohio State Buckeyes gathered to picnic and socialize at Lake Norman Aug. 19 at an event hosted by the **Charlotte Chapter** and organized by Lisa Perry '72. About 50 people gathered at the home of William Rakatansky '72.

Prior to the Bobcat-University of North Carolina football game Sept. 30, 85 alumni and friends met at the Omni Europa Hotel in Chapel Hill for some friendly conversation and tasty food. President Glidden, Athletic Director Tom Boeh and the OU cheerleaders attended this **Raleigh/Durham Chapter** event. It was organized by John Phillips '75.



Dr. Edward Sprague, BS '41



Fred Malloy, BS/COM '57



Robert C. Hughes, BBA '65



Patricia Ackerman, BA '66



Mary Abel, BSED '67, MS '70

1930s

Martha B. Agler, KP '30, trustee emerita of Columbus State Community College, has been recognized by the college for her contributions to preschool education and quality child care in Ohio.

1940s

Dr. Edward Sprague, BS '41, a general surgeon and obstetrician in Athens, received the Phillips Medal of Public Service at the 20th annual Convocation Ceremony of the Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine. The medal is the college's highest honor.

1950s

Florence Bernan Blager, AB '50, has been promoted to professor in the Department of Otolaryngology at the University of Colorado School of Medicine in Denver. He is a specialist in parotid gland dysfunction and is called to consult at national and international meetings. Last year, he lectured at the University of Tel Aviv, the Allergy and Clinical Immunology Society in Israel, and the University of Sao Paulo in Brazil.

Jeanette Grassilli Brown, BS '50, MDN '78, was presented with the Directors' Choice Award by the National Women's Economic Alliance in December in Washington, D.C. The award honors those who serve as outstanding directors for their corporate leadership and efforts to increase career opportunities for women.

Gordon W. Keller, AB '50, was pivotal for regional campuses at Kent State University. He has been elected district governor of Rotary International for Northeastern Ohio. His wife is **Carole S. Keller, BSED '58, MED '63**.

1960s

Fred Malloy, BS/COM '57, president of Constellation Coatings, Corp. of Brunswick, Me. formerly was vice president of sales and marketing for 20 years. Malloy is a past president of the Youngstown Advertising Club and Sales and Marketing Executives of Cleveland.

William J. Schlauch, BS '57, received the Special Achievement Award from General Motors' North American Operations Manufacturing Center for developing a parts management system that was considered highly significant in its real and potential impact at GM. Schlauch is chairman of the training committee on process controls and project manager at the General Motors Technical Center in Warren, Mich. He has been an engineer at GM for the past 40 years.

Vincent A. Digriolamo, BS/COM '58, has been elected vice chairman of National City Corp. in Cleveland. He will remain chief executive officer of National City Bank, Ind., and will be responsible for all National City banking units.

Layne Longfellow, AB '59, is profiled in the current editions of *Marquis' Who's Who in America* and *Who's Who in the World*. A social commentator with a successful performing career, his "Modern Musings" column is a regular feature of *Examiner* magazine. He has organized and conducted training seminars for major corporations, and has delivered more than 2,000 speeches and seminars internationally.

1960s

Ronald L. Patrick, BSEE '60, has been elected president of the Aviation Distributors and Manufacturers Association for 1996. He is vice president of distribution strategy and development at Avial Inc. of Dallas.

Steven J. Krekus, BFA '61, a long-time active Mason and veteran DeMolay leader from Aurora, has been named executive officer of Ohio DeMolay. He is president of Seven J. Krekus Architects Inc., a construction management and development company, and Kai Management Inc., a property management firm.

John Dew, AB '62, was promoted to president and chief operating officer of Inn Ventures Inc., an independent hotel development and management company based in Bellevue, Wash.

Robert C. Hughes, BBA '65, has been named president of the Identification Systems Division of Acton, Mass.-based IAT Technologies, which provides software and services for the digital imaging technology industry. Hughes has 30 years of product and account management experience in information systems and services.

Patricia A. Ackerman, BA '66, is the newest member of the Ohio University Board of Trustees. Currently executive director of curriculum and instruction for the Cleveland Heights-University Heights City Schools, she brings more than 25 years of experience in education to the board. She is a former president of the National Alliance of Black School Educators, the largest organization of African American educators in the country.

1970s

Mary Abel, BSED '67, MS '70, Ohio's 5th District state representative, received the Phillips Medal of Public Service at the 20th annual Convocation Ceremony of the Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine. The medal is the college's highest honor. Her husband, **Ric Abel, BBA '67**, took office as Athens mayor in December.

Larry Starr, BSED '68, MED '71, has worked as head trainer of the Florida Marlins major league baseball team for the past three seasons. Formerly head trainer of the Cincinnati Reds for 21 years, he has been named National League trainer for the All-Star game four times. He lives in Coral Springs, Fla., with his wife, **Linda M. Starr, BSED '71**, and two daughters.

Tom White, BSED '68, MED '70, is group vice president of American Express Financial Advisors in the Cleveland metro market. He supervises 20 employees for the financial planning and investment division.

Joseph B. Gerwood, BSJ '69, received his Ph.D. from the University of Toledo in December. He completed his work as a psychology resident at Summit Psychological Associates Inc. in Napoleon.

Allan Goldner, AB '69, was re-elected executive partner in the Cleveland office of the law firm of Benesh, Friedman, Copley & Arosio.

Joseph R. Scaletta, BSED '69, MED '71, is president of Scaletta Development Corp. and Investment Professionals Inc., in Avon. The corporations specialize in land development and construction, and sales and marketing, respectively.

1970s

Alfred G. Arndt, BBA '70, has been elected to the Board of Directors of the American Heart Association in Central Ohio. He is a chartered life underwriter and chartered financial consultant associated with McClellan Financial Services in Columbus.

Michael E. Ervin, AB '70, is president and founder of Wingle Health Associates, a multi-specialty physician group/health maintenance organization in Dayton.

Lucia Getzi, MA '70, PHD '73, has been elevated to the rank of distinguished professor at Illinois State University in Normal. Getzi, winner of the 1991 Illinois Governor's Award for the Arts in the Individual Artist category, joined the English faculty at Illinois State in 1971. The Governor's Award recognized her work teaching comparative literature and creative writing, as well as directing the Creative Writing Program at Illinois State, and her award-winning career as a writer of poetry, fiction, translations and critical essays.

James Schwartz, BSED '71, MA '75, PHD '77, associate professor of English at Wright State University's Lake Campus, has been appointed place testing coordinator for the campus.

Greg Stricharchuk, BSJ '71, is a visiting professor and professional in residence at Ohio State University's Johnson School. The one-year appointment is funded by the Freedom Forum for Media Studies at Columbus University. Stricharchuk is on leave from the *Dayton Daily News*, where he was news manager-editor for business, lifestyle and entertainment coverage.

1970s

Samuel W. Moore, BSIT '72, was appointed president of Double G Coatings, the joint venture of Bethlehem Steel and National Steel corporations. Formerly operations manager, Moore joined Double G Coatings during its start-up in 1991 after more than 20 years with Engle, Detroit Steel. He is based in Jackson, Miss.

Susan Reimer, BSJ '73, is a nationally syndicated columnist based at the *Baltimore Sun*.

David L. Scheffler, BBA '73, is senior vice president of NCOT Accounting & Consulting Inc., of Toledo. Scheffler Scherer CPA Group Inc. merged with NCOT Oct. 1. Scheffler is based in Lancaster.

Robert Asik, BSJ '74, has joined the installment loan department of Lorain National Bank as a consumer loan officer.

Linda K. Disbennet, AA '74, BBA '80, is vice president of NCOT Accounting & Consulting. She joined Scheffler Scherer CPA Group in July.

Navy Commander Larry A. McCullough, BBA '74, recently returned from a one-month deployment to the Eastern Mediterranean and Black seas aboard the USS *Leahurst*, and has been involved with supporting the Sixth Fleet commander in Gaeta, Italy, with coordination of NATO air strikes over Bosnia.

Carol O'Connor, BSED '74, a schoolteacher in Palm City, Fla., attended the 10th Annual Highlights Foundation Workshop on writing for children held at the Chautauque Institution in western New York state. O'Connor has been nominated for the Presidential Award for teaching math and science.

Alumni chapter news (continued)

Ohio

The Akron Association of Ohio University Women gathered for its chapter meeting Oct. 7, where the Alumni Association's Judith Johnson told members of the latest news in Athens. The chapter held its holiday luncheon Dec. 1 at the Akron Country Club. Thirty-nine members and guests enjoyed the wonderful food and pleasant entertainment at this event organized by Phyllis Komarevsky '83.

More than 90 people boarded the Oct. 6 train for the **Athens Chapter's** fall foliage trip down the Ohio River. On Dec. 10, the sweet sounds of the Lark Quaver filled Konekner Alumni Center as chapter members gathered for the annual holiday open house. Nearly 200 people attended the open house, which was sponsored by the Alumni Association and the Division of University Relations.

To escape the rain, **Central Ohio Chapter** members enjoyed their bus trip to Adkins for Homecoming activities. Julie Keck '91 organized the trip. On Nov. 9, the chapter held the 10th annual **Old Mum Procter** at the German Club. More than 80 alumni met up with Miami students for this festive and boisterous event. Alumni Director Rick Harrison '83 and Atlanta Director Tom Boeth presented the recognition at this event organized by Scott Shepherd '91. Bill Righter '91. More than 30 alumni attended the "Seaside Street Live" production Nov. 24, a family event organized by Beth McCormick. This active chapter sponsored its annual holiday brunch before the performance of "The Nutcracker" Dec. 10 at an event coordinated by Jim '44 and

Becky Fowler '91

The **Central Ohio Black Chapter** gathered at the 10th annual Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Breakfast Jan. 11. "Reevaluating the Family" was the theme of this year's breakfast, which featured many community leaders and dynamic speakers.

On Dec. 17, the **Greater Cleveland Chapter** hosted the 10th annual Rainbow Fun Run. More than 300 people participated in this event, which has raised more than \$60,000 for Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital over the past six years. The event was organized by Danny Salom '91.

The **Greater Cleveland Black Chapter** held its holiday gala, a part of the Mediterranean Party Center. More than 100 people attended this event, which was a fund-raiser for the chapter's scholarship fund. The gala was coordinated by Valerie Pegg '91.

The **Cleveland Parents Club** hosted President Glidden and OU students for a panel discussion that covered a wide range of university issues Oct. 10 at the Holiday Inn.

More than 70 Bobcats tied it up at the Ray Wilkes Memorial Golf Outing July 30. The event was hosted by the **Fairfield County Chapter** and raised \$1,000 for its scholarship fund.

Seventy-five members and friends gathered at the Mardian Banquet Center for the **Greater Dayton Chapter's** fall dinner

Oct. 1. Kevin Breveler '83 and Christine Winters '90 organized the event. Special guests included Mrs. Bakethell Coah Lash Hunter and deans Paul Nelson of the College of Communications and C. Aaron Kelly of the College of Business.

Hunter also attended the "Heart of Ohio" **Mansfield Chapter's** annual "Return to OU Night" in April.

Nov. 1. The program attracted more than 40 alumni and local media, who interviewed Hunter before the dinner. This event was hosted by Mark Arnold '81.

The **Toledo Chapter** held a pregame celebration before the Buckeye-Toledo football game Oct. 19. The event drew more than 40 alumni and was co-ordinated by the **Central Ohio Chapter's** **Section** raised more than \$900 at its craft auction Nov. 14.

Pennsylvania

The **Greater Pittsburgh Chapter** welcomed President Glidden and wife Rene to its holiday brunch Dec. 3. This event was held at the LeMerle Restaurant, which overlooks the three rivers and downtown Pittsburgh. Assistant Alumni Director Dexter Bailey '92 also represented the university.

Texas

The **Houston Chapter** didn't let the distance from Athens stop members from having a "Frost Homecoming Bash" Oct. 28 at the home of Alanna Rolly Buckler '46. Kathy Bush Snider '46 coordinated this activity.



Joseph Kretovics, BSJ '78



Vince Manfredi, BGS '78



Lori Bedale, BSC '90, MA '94



Ryan D. Chadwick, PhD '90



Jill A. Bryan, BSJ '91



Diane Dovell, BSJ '94

Ralph Fuhr, BSJ '75, has been promoted to consulting manager at the Greater Boston branch of Keane Inc., Information Services Division. He is responsible for project management and custom software for finance and manufacturing clients. Keane Inc. is a \$50 million company that designs, develops and manages software for corporations and health care facilities.

Penny Johnson Leake, MS '75, received the 1991 Distinguished Alumnae Award from the Pacific Lutheran University School of Nursing. Ms. Leake is a nurse practitioner for her outstanding accomplishments in nursing. She is an associate professor and chair of the bachelor of science nursing program at Allen College of Nursing in Waterloo, Iowa.

Barbara A. Lucas, AB '77, was promoted to senior vice president of Long John Silver's Restaurants Inc. in Lexington, Ky. She is responsible for all non-traditional restaurant development.

Joseph Kretovics, BSJ '78, has been named chair and associate professor in the Department of Education and Professional Development at Western Michigan University. He previously was coordinator of the North Carolina Model Clinical Teaching Network at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Vince Manfredi, BGS '78, is regional marketing director of the Bond Gaming Corp. at Las Vegas. He has worked in casino marketing for 15 years.

Paul Miller, BSJ '92, recently worked at the United States Olympic Festival as an athlete, trainer with the field hockey team in Boulder, Colo. He is a science teacher and athlete, former at Columbus Lincoln High School near Columbus.

1980s

Margaret Crosby, BSJ '80, MA '86, is assistant professor of Spanish at Elmhurst College in Illinois. Crosby has taught Spanish at Trinity University in Texas, the University of New Mexico and Ohio University.

William A. Foley, MBA '80, of Hudson, has been elected to the board of directors of Atlanta Corp., a manufacturer of industrial and consumer products in Muncie, Ind. Foley is chairman, president, and chief executive officer of LESCO Inc., a Rocky River-based manufacturer and direct marketer of turf care products and equipment.

Susan Lawhead Wickline, BSJ '80, was the Jesse Stewart Foundation's Assistant for Teaching Excellence for her work at Allenview Elementary. The foundation is based in Ashland, Ky.

Doreen Blitsch, MAHSS '81, received a doctor of philosophy degree from Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind., and is self-employed as a speech-language pathologist in Southwestern Ohio.

Stephen Scott Johnson, BSJ '81, is participating in the 1990 class of Leadership South Carolina, a program administered by the University of South Carolina to identify and develop outstanding leaders in the state. Johnson is assistant news editor of *The State* in Columbia and a member of the Society of Professional Journalists' National Professional Development Committee.

Navy Lt. Cmdr. William I. Peterson, BS '81, took part in NATO air strikes on Bosnia during a six-month deployment aboard the aircraft carrier USS America, the lead ship of the USS America Battle Group. Peterson joined the Navy in 1981.

Elliott Rosen, MS '81, is vice president of Booz Allen & Hamilton Inc., an international management and technology consulting firm based in McLean, Va.

Diana Stemen, BSJ '83, has been named director of marketing for the investment firm staff of The Ohio Company in Columbus.

Rebecca Watkins, BFA '83, is communications manager for the Mid-Atlantic Technology Application Center in Pittsburgh, one of NASA's regional technology transfer centers.

John Battensburg, MA '84, was granted a Fellowship Senior Lecturing Award to teach in Toronto this academic year. A Cal Poly English professor and administrator, Battensburg is teaching applied linguistics and American literature at the University of Toronto. He also is researching and advising on English-language policy and planning.

Andy Cargo, AB '84, has been named general counsel of MKK Technologies Ltd. in Independence, a former division of LSI. He is responsible for legal affairs of the personal computer equipment and software resale corporation.

Michelle Chippas, BSJ '84, is hand development/membership coordinator for the Ohio Academy of Trial Lawyers. She is responsible for recruiting, lobbying and fund raising for the 4,300-member organization.

Paul Carrington, MBA '86, an account executive for Mills/James Productions, was named coe of Columbus' "Forty Under 40" young business leaders" by *Bureau First of Columbus* newspaper. The honor recognizes those who make a commitment to professional excellence and contributions to the community.

Rebecca S. Kirschner, BSJ '86, has settled in the Chicago area with a new son and a job with State Farm. She is interested in Ohio University and community projects. Most recently, she was president of the Salt Lake City, Utah, Habitat for Humanity.

Karen Sackett, BBA '86, has been appointed staff officer for National City Bank in Cleveland. She is a member of the Institute of Internal Auditors and the Memorial Harbor Yacht Club.

James C. Andrick, BSEE '88, is Nebelohr's first city manager. A registered engineer, he previously served as the Millersburg village administrator.

Dana Waldo, MBA '88, was named president of AEP West Virginia by American Electric Power. He is former Athens division manager for Columbus Southern Power.

1990s

Lori Bedale, BSC '90, MA '94, is an assistant professor of communication at Walsh University in North Canton. She is working toward a doctorate degree in mass communication at Ohio University.

Ryan D. Chadwick, PhD '90, was named an associate professor and director of theater performance at the University of Findlay. She joined the Findlay faculty last fall after serving as an assistant professor of theater arts at Juniata College in Pennsylvania since 1988.

Tom Edwards, BSC '90, took over as production manager for TCI's National Digital Television Center outside Denver late last summer. TCI is the world's largest multistation cable TV owner. Edwards, formerly production manager for the NBC-owned TV station in Denver for 14 years, won his seventh Emmy last year. He won in the "Live Director" category for directing an NFL football game in 1994. Edwards' wife, Alice Woods, BFA '70, is director of The Plains Community Center in Aurora, Colo.

Douglas Engle, BFA '90, has been working as a photographer for the Associated Press in San Salvador, El Salvador, since March 1991. He also has worked in Chicago, Mexico, and Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

Jill A. Bryan, BSJ '91, was named account coordinator at Lord, Sullivan & Yoder Marketing Communications in Columbus. Prior to joining LSV, Bryan was marketing coordinator and project administrator at Bank One Corp.

Anne Wainwright, BSJ '91, is assistant staff writer on the APT news staff in Basking Ridge, N.J. She has been with AT&T Global Information Solutions since 1991, when she joined the public relations staff as a writer. She has won several writing awards, including an IABC Bronze Quill Award of Excellence for feature writing.

Jeffrey T. Hamlin, BBA '92, is a vice president of MedSystems Management Inc. in Dayton. MedSystems specializes in receivables management for physicians and medical practices. He is married to Laurie Hamlin, BBA '92.

Thomas Hough, BSC '92, currently works overnight as an on-air personality at WBZZ Radio, 99.7 FM "The Breeze," a rock 'n' roll station in Columbus. He previously was a disc jockey for WAZU 103.9 FM, a classic rock station in Dayton, and WHOH, 95.5 FM in Lancaster. Hough also has established his own CD distribution company called Happy Llama.

Cathy Priest, MSJ '92, has been named Ohio's 1994 Teacher of the Year. Priest is a Conestoga High School social studies teacher. She will compete with 49 other state winners for the National Teacher of the Year title.

Terrance C. Reimer, BFA '92, had two color photographs featured as part of the Toledo Area's 7th Annual Exhibition last summer at the Canada Gallery in the Toledo Museum of Art. He is a photographer for the *Saturday Register*.

Diane Dovell, BSJ '94, has been named media account manager at Lord, Sullivan & Yoder Marketing Communications in Columbus. She is responsible for the media planning for several agency clients.

Nancy Hodges, BSC '94, recently became operations coordinator for Nickelodeon Studios Florida. She previously served as a free-lance production assistant for the company for almost a year. Hodges lives in Orlando.

Josh Goss, BSJ '95, was named communications coordinator for the International Association of Convention & Visitor Bureaus Directors. He is responsible for publications and media relations for the international trade association representing bureaus in 30 countries.

Constituent society notebook

The Society of Alumni and Friends for the College of Education Board of Directors met on campus for its annual fall meeting during homecoming weekend in October. Members were updated on college progress and programs. The board also went to East Elementary School in Athens to review the Appalachian Distance Learning Project in the third grade classroom of Jennifer Armstrong. They hosted a luncheon for the school's teachers and staff.

The board devoted the rest of the fall meeting to planning for the Spring Conference, an event exploring education issues and career planning targeted at undergraduate students. The board invites alumni interested in sharing their life experiences and expertise to attend the conference scheduled for April 19 in McCracken Hall. Besides the conference, the spring board meeting and Founders Day will be held April 19-20. Further information is available by calling 614-593-4433.

The Board of Directors is continually seeking interested, active alumni with diverse backgrounds and experiences to serve on the board. Those interested should call the college office at 614-593-4433.

The College of Business Society of Alumni and Friends (SAB) and the College of Business sponsored a number of alumni outreach events during the winter.

In December, career networking receptions were held in Cincinnati and Columbus to provide students the opportunity to network with alumni and explore career opportunities and options in cities in which they are interested in living after

graduation.

About 150 people attended a reception for alumni and parents of currently enrolled students in Columbus Feb. 15. A men's basketball pregame event was held March 2 in Chicago, where College of Business Dean C. Aaron Kelley addressed a group of about 50 alumni prior to watching the Bobcat-Ball State game on a satellite down-link. The next reception is planned for 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. May 2 at the Duquesne Club in Pittsburgh.

The SAB will meet in Athens May 17 to present its award for Achievement in Business to John B. "Bernie" Gerlach, Robert W. Lutz, BSJCM '54, Melaine S. Sabellhaus, BSJ '78, and P. Dean Taylor, BSJCM '56. The society also will conduct regular board business.

The College of Osteopathic Medicine Society of Alumni and Friends held a reception honoring alumni and preceptors March 14 at the Buena Vista Palace during the annual American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians' convention in Orlando April 23-28. The OACF class of 1988 will present part of the CME lectures at the annual Ohio Osteopathic Association's convention June 20-23 at the Drawbridge Inn in Conroy, Ky. The class also will celebrate its 10-year reunion during a luncheon on June 22 at the hotel.

OU-CDM Dean Barbara Ross Lee was to attend both events.

The School of Music Society of Alumni and Friends Board of Directors participated in a reception Feb. 2 at The Ohio

Musical Educators Association state conference in Dayton and attended presentations of both the university's Symphony Orchestra and Symphonic Band.

The spring meeting of the board will be held May 11. The day-long meeting will be followed by a special banquet and the annual award of Music Honors Association. As the group's 1996 Achievement in Music award will be presented to this year's honoree, Douglas A. Patti, BFA '68, director of management services at the American Symphony Orchestra League in Washington, D.C.

Nominators currently are being sought until May 1. For individuals willing to serve three-year terms on the Board of Directors, please telephone Margene Stewart, the executive secretary of the society, at 614-593-1634 or 614-593-4244 for nomination assistance.

The College of Communication Society of Alumni and Friends' spring meeting will be held April 29 on campus, coinciding with the 28th annual Communication Week running April 25 through May 3. John Mack, Center President of Hearst Magazine Enterprises and editor in chief of *Good Housekeeping* magazine from 1975 to 1994, will deliver the keynote address at 8 p.m. April 29 in Baker Center Ballroom.

The college sponsored two alumni and student career reception during winter break as part of its Career Network Program. Students had the opportunity to network with alumni and explore career options during receptions in Cincinnati Nov. 28 and in Columbus Nov. 30.

deaths

1910s

Alta Coe Lee, PSN '16, Jan. 26, 1995, in Daytona Beach, Fla.; **Elizabeth Grover Beatty, BSED '17**, July 14, in Athens.

1920s

Natalie Bryan Bateman, AB '22, Sept. 8, in Columbus; **Lenora Cooper Pember, ELED '23**, Oct. 7, in Greenville, S.C.; **Jane Goddard, ELED '26**, March 6, 1995, in Lancaster, Pa.; **Hilah Vorhees Smith, '26**, Sept. 5, in Bloomfield Hills, Mich.; **Mary E. Talbot, ELED '27, BSED '33**, Aug. 15, in Coshocton; **Sam C. Bates, '28**, Aug. 14, in Columbus; **Donna J. Jenks, ELED '28, BSED '30**, April 22, in Lancaster.

1930s

Louise Auberle Dulin, KP '30, May 30, in Littleton, Colo.; **Mildred Bremer Krueger, AB '30**, Aug. 30, in Dayton; **William F. Worthington, BSED '31, MA '36**, May 3, in Crooksville; **Mildred Oennison Lilly, ELED '32**, Aug. 9, in Lakewood; **Lillian L. Aitken, BSED '33**, Oct. 22, in Mentor; **Marie Cutarelli Bain, BSED '33**, Sept. 14, in Cincinnati; **Ray S. Williams, BSEE '33, MA '35**, Sept. 15, in Troy; **Leroy E. Colby, AB '34, MA '35**, July 11, 1994, in Colorado Springs, Colo.; **Stephen W. Komarc, Sr., ABC '34**, Sept. 15, in Youngstown; **Daniel D. Kropp, ABC '34**, Aug. 24, in Washingtonville, N.Y.; **Martha F. Morgan, COED '34**, Aug. 26, in Barnesville; **Jack Rose, AB '34**, in Los Angeles; **William W. Wells, '34**, July 16, in Lake Jackson, Texas; **David P. Jones, AB '35**, May 6, in Henderson, N.C.; **John T. Sheridan, ABC '35**, April 26, in Lancaster; **Bessie Moore, ELED '31**, April 22, in Belpre; **Helen C. Stover, ELED '37, BSED '39**,

Sept. 20, in Mount Vernon; **Charles O. Hardman, BSCDM '38**, June 27, in South Columbia, S.C.

1940s

Margaret Kinsey Moore, BSED '42, Aug. 13, in Lexington, Ky.; **Norma VanDervort Kalina, BSED '43**, Dec. 3, in Sherman Oaks, Calif.; **Richard A. Reiter, BSED '43**, May 5, in Wilmington, Del.; **Charles D. Lintner, BSCOM '45**, May 2, in Clearwater, Fla.; **Frank B. Fulton, BSCOM '47**, Feb. 27, 1995, in Jackson Springs, N.C.

1950s

Charles H. Dunn, BSAGR '50, Aug. 22, in Malta; **George J. Novotny, Jr., BSED '50**, Feb. 15, 1995, in Lakewood; **Lloyd W. Burwell, BSCOM '51**, Oct. 2, in Ironton; **Col. Arthur B. Meyer, BSCDM '51**, Oct. 4, in Upper Falls, Md.; **Robert J. McCallin, AB '51**, June 22, in Sharon, Mass.; **Oonald C. Flowers, AA '52**, Oct. 1, in Worthington; **Lois Dixon Rosser, BSED '52**, July 26, in Millersport; **Robert G. Sauer, MS '53**, Oct. 1, in Perry; **Sallie Strine Stiegelmeier, AB '54**, Oct. 12, in Berea; **John F. Joyce, '59**, June 13, in North Olmsted; **Fred H. Wallbrown, BSED '59, MED '61**, May 5, in Cleveland.

1960s

Louis R. Alexander, Jr., BSED '60, July 5, in Franklin, N.J.; **Paul R. Casto, MED '60**, Aug. 15, in Columbus; **James Carl Trivett, BS '60, MS '66**, April 26, in Millfield; **Francis C. Johnson, Jr., BSCOM '61**, Sept. 28, in Covington, Ky.; **Roger D. Linn, BSCDM '61**, Sept. 3, in Akron; **John H. Walker, BFA '61, MBA '65**, May 1, in Troy; **Oarlene Van**

Dyke Flynn, BSED '62, June 19, 1994, in Dublin; **Brian F. Neffenger, BSCOM '62**, July 29, in Oxnard, Calif.; **Roberta Marriott Wilson, BSED '64**, Aug. 9, in Troy; **Karon Marie Frank, BS '65**, May 13, in Columbus; **Joseph Michael Franko, BBA '67**, Oct. 24, in Powell; **James R. Labig, BSJ '67**, April 22, in Trenton, N.J.; **Joseph F. Ciminero Jr., BBA '68**, Sept. 23, in Columbus.

1970s

Gregory L. McKenzie, BSED '70, Feb. 3, 1995, in Flint, Mich.; **Clifford C. Clogg, AB '71**, May 7, in Bellefonte, Pa.; **Robert B. Ruff, BGS '73**, Sept. 2, in Los Angeles; **Frank C. Adams, AB '75**, Aug. 19, in Cleveland; **Sharon Marie Amrhein, '77**, Aug. 5, in Santa Fe, N.M.

1980s

Stephanie French Terrell, MED '81, Sept. 25, in Tallahassee, Fla.; **Robin Stahl Schwartz, BBA '82**, June 26, in Denville, N.J.

1990s

James Donaldson, Jr., MA '90, July 17, in Cleveland; **Michele Hart Klinger, AB '93**, July 25, in Lancaster

Faculty and staff

Vivian Thomas Cady, MED '59, 84, former instructor of home economics, Jan. 29, in Athens. Cady taught in the School of Home Economics from 1962 to 1967. She also received a Fulbright grant to teach in Rangoon, Burma. She was a member of Athens Friends of International Students, Pi Beta Phi sorority, the OU Women's Club, and the American Association of University Women, and was a board member of United Campus Ministries. She also taught at Albany High School and for Aid for International Development.

Charles J. Cannon, D.O., 67, former associate professor and head of geriatrics-gerontology in the College of Osteopathic Medicine, Jan. 10, in Milford, Del. Cannon initiated a program for geriatrics students to study abroad at Edinburgh, Scotland, during his work at OU-COM from 1978 until his retirement in 1987. He was a member of several professional associations, and served on a U.S. Department of Health and Human Services panel for awarding medical research grants.

Joseph F. Dean, BSED '61, MED '62, 60, associate athletic director for fund raising in Intercollegiate Athletics, Dec. 22, in Columbus. Dean was a co-captain and a first-team all-conference linebacker on Ohio University's unbeaten 1960 national champions, and returned to Athens in 1965 to serve on the football coaching staff. He coached at Defiance College and two seasons at Kent State University before returning to OU. In 1984, he was appointed a development officer for the athletic department, and later became associate athletic director for fund raising. He was elected to the OU Athletic Hall of Fame in 1975.

Lester C. Mills, EMERT '81, 77, professor emeritus of curriculum and instruction, Dec. 19, in Sun City, Ariz. Mills taught in the College of Education from 1960 until he retired in 1981. He specialized in science education. Mills was adviser to Kappa Delta Pi educational honor society, and was a member of Phi Delta Kappa. He served for two years during his tenure at Ohio University in a USAID project in Saigon. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees at Harvard University, and a doctorate in education at Columbia University. He taught high school science and mathematics in New York and Massachusetts, and taught physical science and supervised student teachers at Columbia, before joining the OU faculty.

Mary Birtcher Murvay, 72, former cook for Ohio University, Jan. 8, in Jacksonville. Murvay also served as a cook for the Trimble Local School District.

Ben Park, 66, retired associate professor of English, Jan. 7, in Parkersburg, W. Va. Park taught in the English Department from 1968 until his retirement in 1994. He previously taught at Johns Hopkins University, the University of Notre Dame, the University of Washington, and the University of South Alabama.

Manuel Antonio Serna-Maytorena, EMERT '94, 63, professor emeritus of modern languages, Nov. 22, in Columbus. Serna-Maytorena taught at Ohio University from 1966 until he took early retirement in 1991. He was named a University Professor in 1974-75, received a Baker Award in 1974, and was awarded the Dean's Outstanding Teacher Award in 1986. He was the author of several novels, collections of poetry, texts and monographs. He was runner-up in the 1993-94 Letras de Oro literary contest for his novel *Memorias de Agua El Jordan*.

Betty Smith Yorde, BSED '69, MA '74, PHD '77, 70, former instructor of biofeedback, group dynamics and oral interpretation, Dec. 6, in Arlington, Va. Yorde taught at Ohio University from 1973 to 1977, and was a charter member of the Board of Trustees of the university's College of Education. She also held a private practice in psychological therapy, counseling and stress management, and was a staff affiliate at Doctors Hospital in Nelsonville from 1978 to 1986. She was an English teacher at Nelsonville-York High School from 1969 to 1973, and a college counselor at Rio Grande Community College in 1977-78.

Wilber Warner, 80, groundskeeper from 1961 to 1979, Jan. 9, in Parkersburg, W. Va.

Memorials

Friends and family wishing to make gifts in memory of alumni, faculty and staff may do so by sending a check payable to the Ohio University Foundation, P.O. Box 860, Athens, Ohio 45701. To establish a memorial scholarship fund, contact the Development Office by writing to the above address or calling 614-193-2642, or 1-800-192-FUND.

Correction

T. Richard Robe, BSCE '65, MS '62, has been dean of Ohio University's College of Engineering and Technology since August 1980, not since 1989 as reported in the fall/winter issue of *Ohio University Today*. Robe is expected to step down as dean later this spring. He will return to teaching in the fall of 1997.

Trustees' Academy

Ohio University's major gift society, the Trustees' Academy, recently welcomed 21 new members. Members may make a \$15,000 outright cash gift, pledge that sum to be paid in yearly increments of not less than \$1,500; make a \$45,000 deferred gift through a living trust or bequest; or make a life insurance gift of at least \$45,000 with a yearly premium and annual gift of \$1,000 or more for 10 years. The cash value of deferred gifts will be determined on a three-to-one ratio and can be combined with cash gifts/pledges to achieve Trustees' Academy membership levels. For example, a documented bequest of \$30,000 is equivalent to a \$10,000 cash value. An additional \$5,000 in cash is required to reach the \$15,000 minimum membership level. The six giving levels within the academy are the Margaret Boyd Society, \$15,000 initial membership; William H. Scott Circle, \$25,000; William H. McGuffey Fellows, \$50,000; John C. Baker Council, \$100,000; Third Century Society, \$500,000, and President's Cabinet, \$1 million and above. New members and their gift designations are

Margaret Boyd Society

Thomas C. Boeh, Intercollegiate Athletics

Joe '70 and Pat Carbone, Baseball Stadium

Douglas and Brenda Beebe '77 Duncan, School of Interpersonal Communication

Richard L. England '54, Baseball Stadium

Eldon L. Hall Jr. '69, College of Arts and Sciences

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred T. Hammond Jr., PAWS Scholarship Fund

Cliff '55 and Evelyn Houk, Designated Annually

C. Aaron and Shelly Wynnee Kelley, College of Business

Larry S. Lafferty, The Virginia Hahne Scholarship

Laura Landro '76, The Laura Landro Scholarship in Journalism

Donald Edward and Christy Carsey '92 Lee, Physical Plant Grounds Beautification and the Christy Carsey Lee Scholarship for Nontraditional Students

George W. and June Dudley '44 Mattson, George and June Mattson Scholarship

Adrie H. Nab and Michaelleen Howatt-Nab, Childhood Immunization Program Endowment, and Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program Endowment

Edward W. Parsons, Naomi Richey Parsons Scholarship

James B. '87 and Amy E. '90 Piatt, To be determined

Patricia Bayer Richard, University College Dean's Discretionary Fund

Sandra L. Saydah '80, Russ College of Engineering and Technology, Philosophy Department and College of Business

Mike Tutko, Jr. '93, College of Business Corporate Leadership Program

Harold '46 and Jeannette White, Harold and Jeannette White Scholarship in Forensics

William H. Scott Circle

Mr. '39 and Mrs. John W. Gander, Baseball Stadium

Ron and Calista '74 Strickmaker, The Ron and Calista Strickmaker Scholarship Endowment for Special Education and Athletic Department Weight Room Project



